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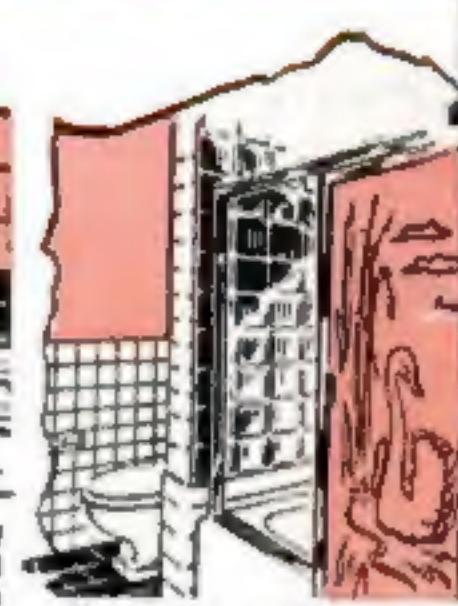
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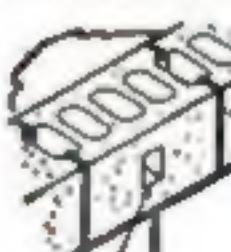
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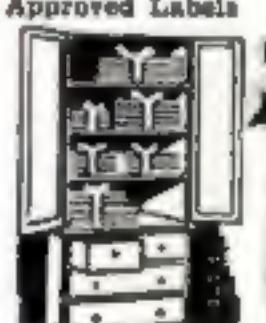
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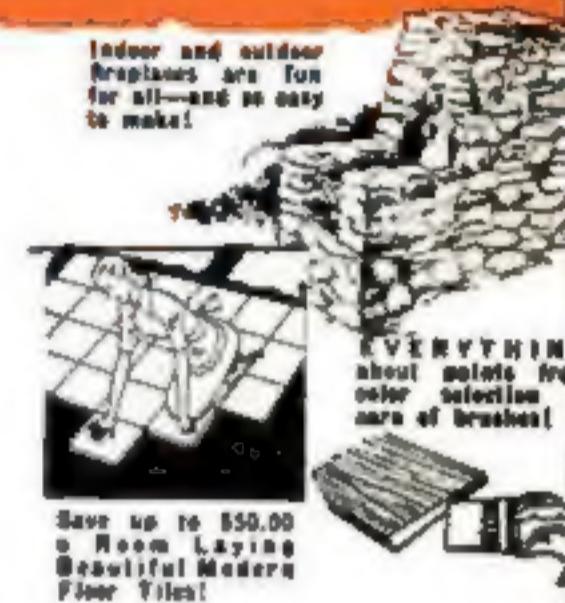


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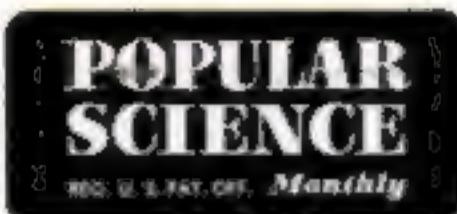
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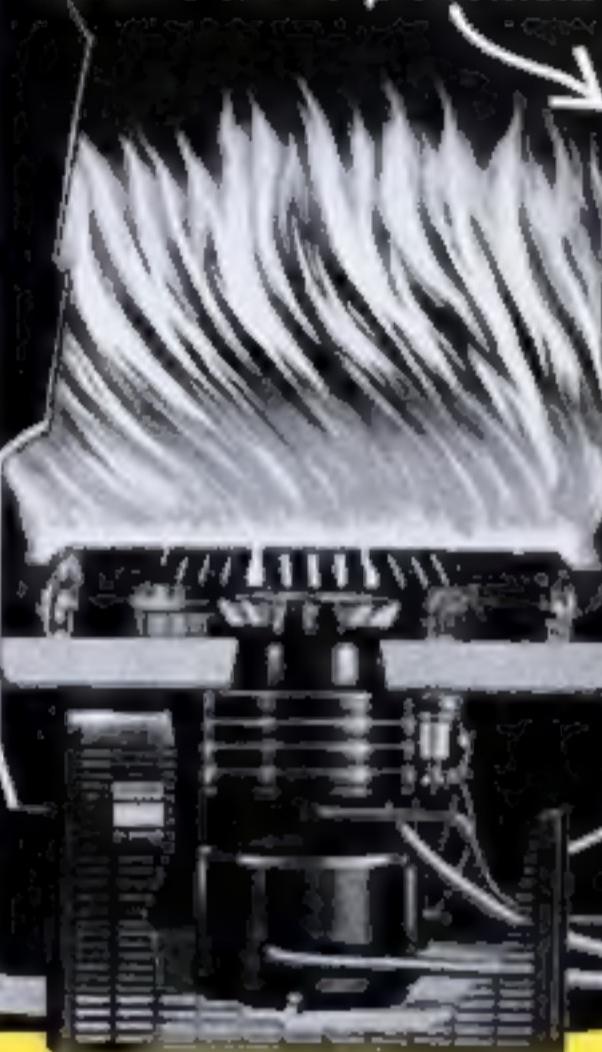
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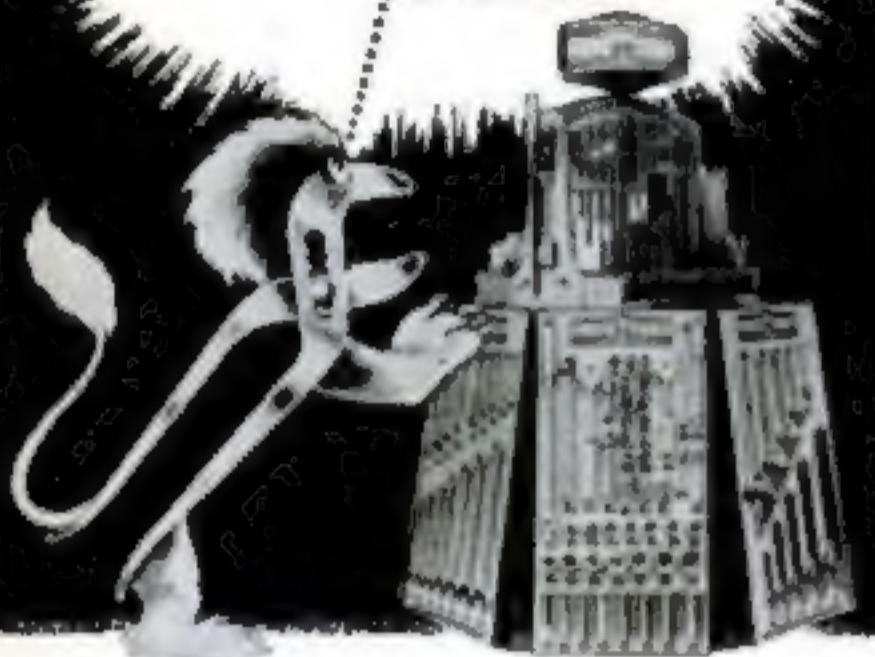
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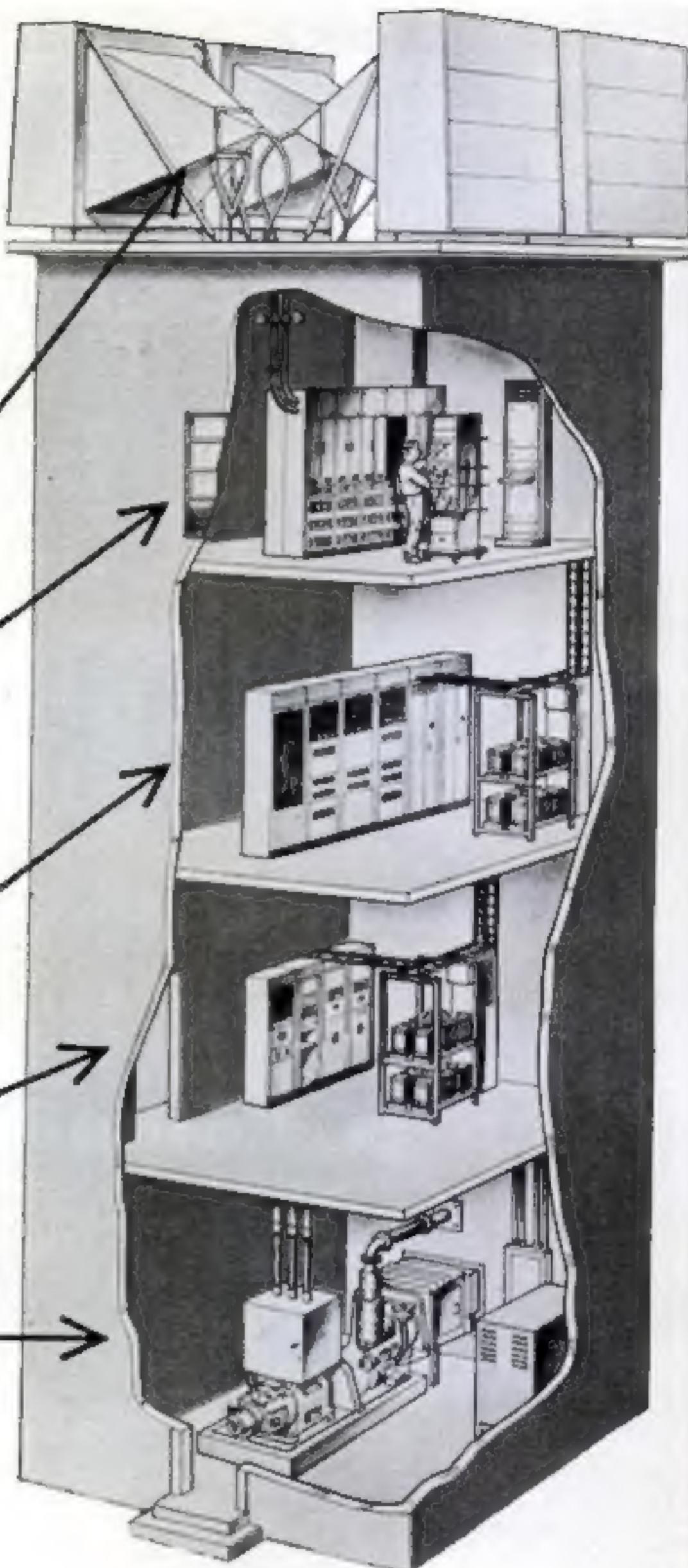
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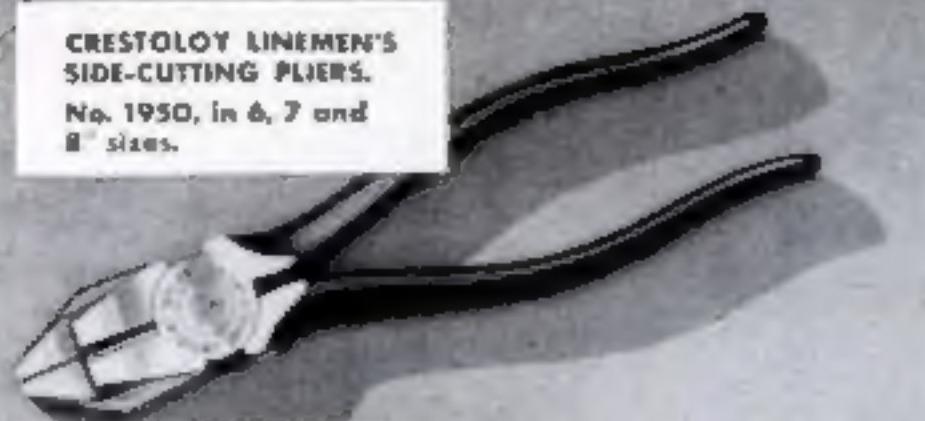


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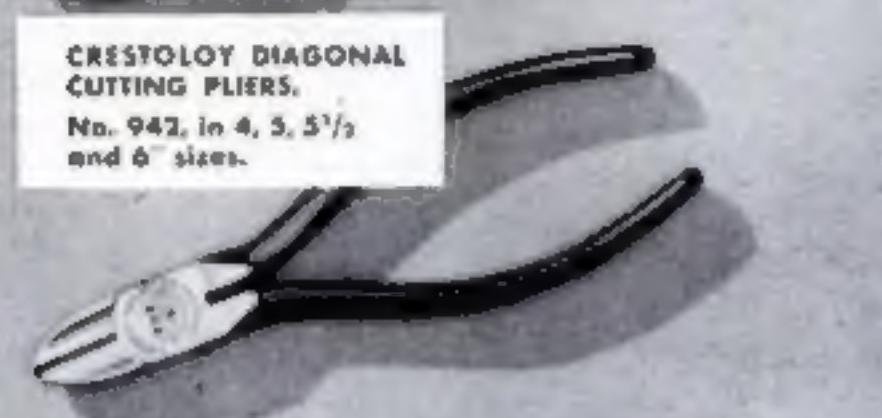
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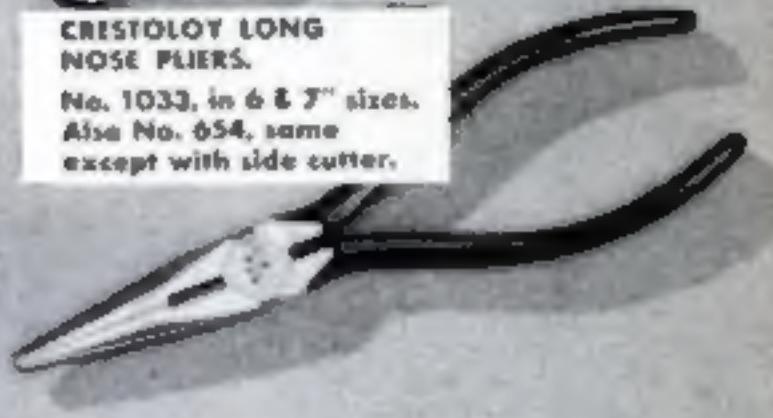
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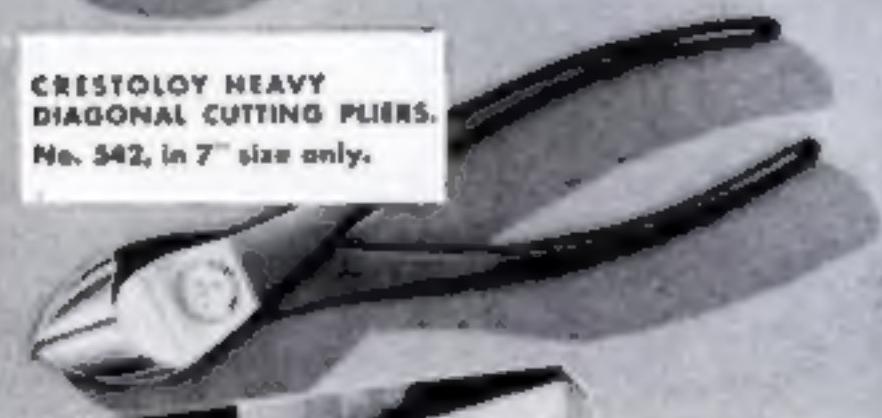
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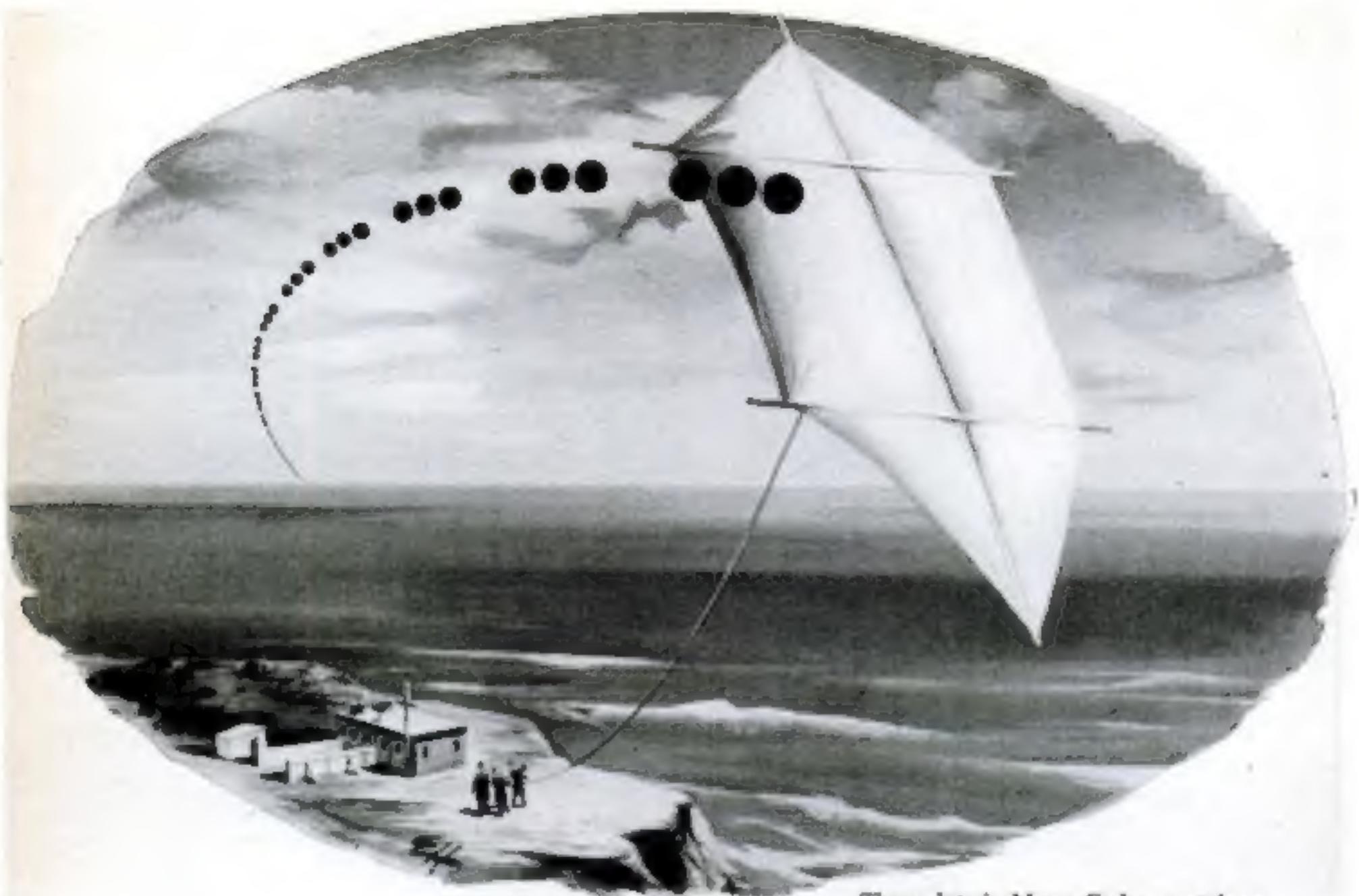
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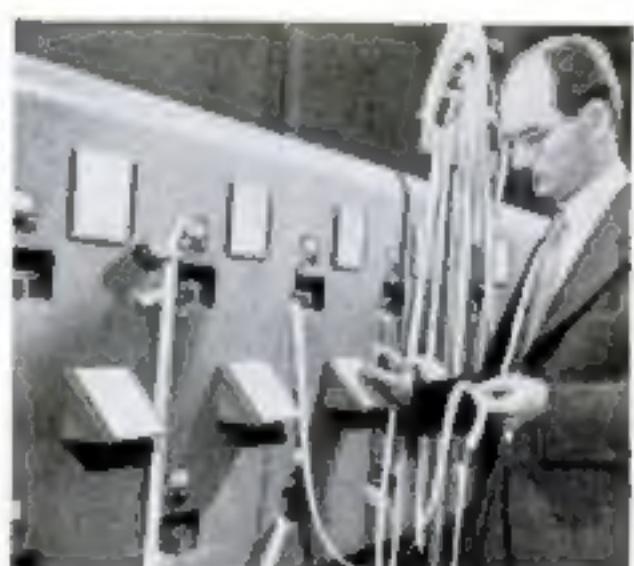
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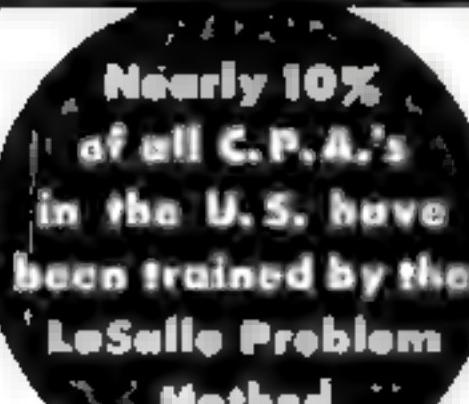
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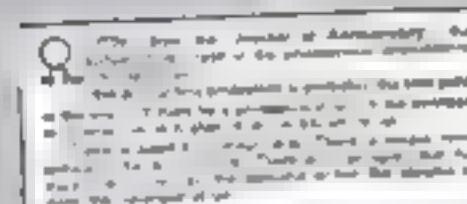
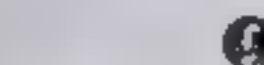
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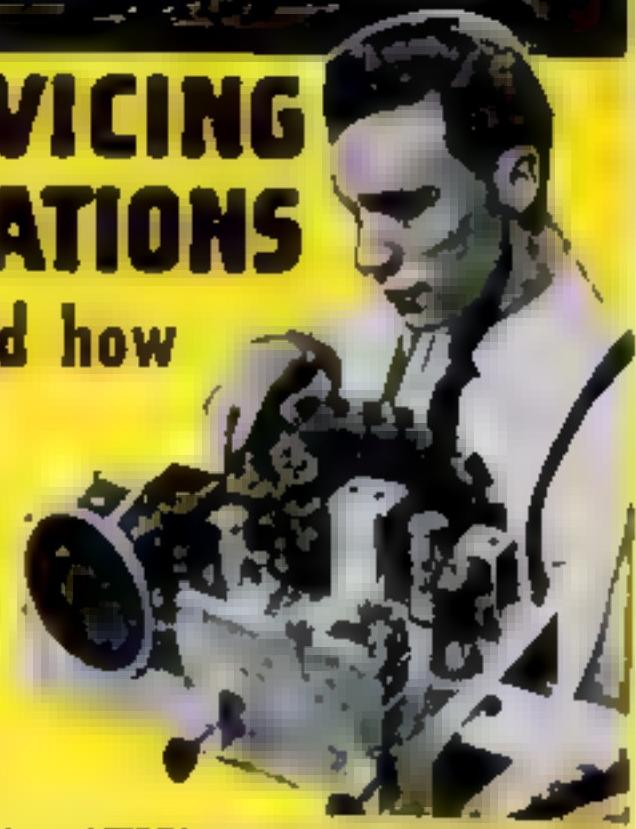
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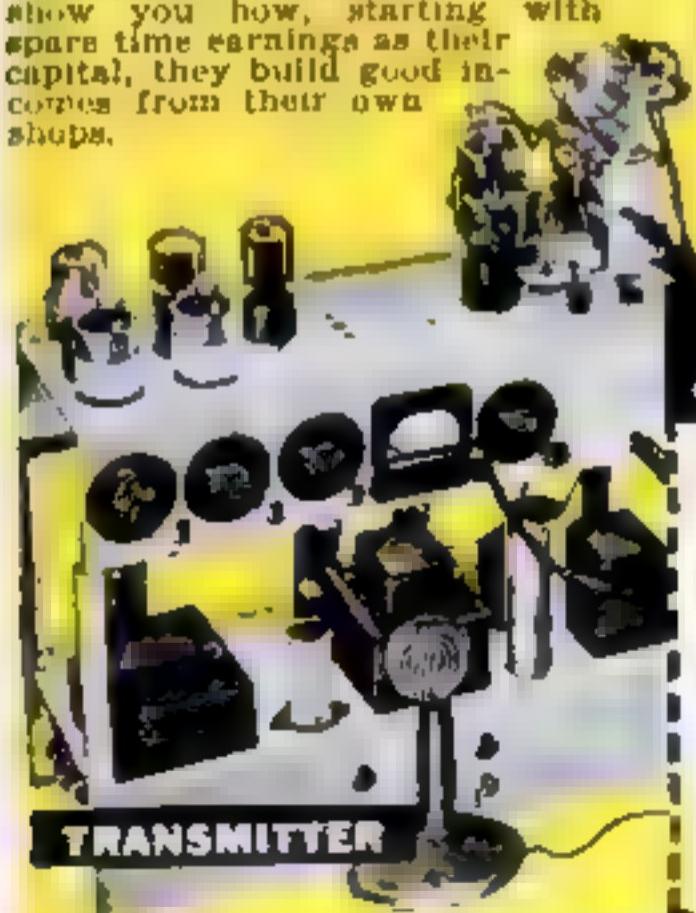


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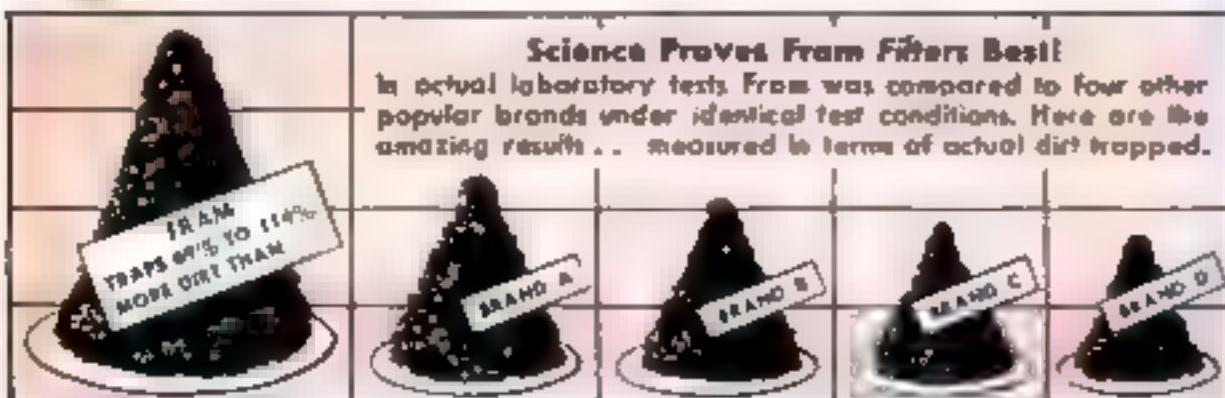
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JOHN W. NESTLER, Tampa, Fla.

Okay, contest is on. The best entries (decision of the judges is final) will be published from time to time in this space.

Gus Too Good to be True

There's only one thing wrong with Gus the garageman—he isn't true! Garagemen today are out to do just as little as possible at the highest rates possible. More than half the time, they haven't the first inkling of all the wonderful bunches and ideas that Gus has. I guess those good old days are gone forever.

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Any garagemen want to step up and defend themselves?

Wayward Moose Finds Home

In the letters section of the November issue Mr. Cyril Keene Jr. of Baltimore pokes fun at a sign he saw in Maine last summer that read: "Danger—Moose Crossing." The sign, which is located just west of Bath on Route 1, means just what it says. It apparently was no joke to Mr. Joseph Tardif, whose car was recently struck and run down by a 900-pound bull moose who forgot to look both ways before crossing.

After moose and car were separated, they

trucked the huge animal away to nearby Hyde Memorial Home, a hospital for crippled children. The home treats all crippled children regardless of ability to pay and has been particularly helpful in polio cases. The moose meat, in view of the present high price of meat, was especially welcome at the Hyde Home.

ROGER M. LUKE, Bath, Me.

No Kidding

Whom are you trying to kid with the picture on page 105 of the November issue? This shows two men and two women "lifting" the 500-pound King Midget car, but the woman in the foreground has her arms bent. She certainly couldn't be lifting her share, or 125 pounds. Is there a support behind her?

D. H. EADES, Hopewell, Va.

No, there isn't. As the article stated, most of the car's weight is at the back. One man can easily lift the front end by himself. The girl's share is nearer 40 pounds than 125. It's the men who are carrying the big load.

For a real weight-lifting feat, look at the photo below, which was crowded out of the



story. Claud Dry (foreground) and Dale Orcutt, designers and builders of the car, held it up unaided while PS shot this photo.

PS Pays Its Way

Thanks for the article, "A Well Strained Diet Saves a Car's Engine," way back in your January, 1951, issue.

The information on the breather cap was helpful recently in saving me about \$60. I was about to have a ring job on my 1948 Dodge, because it was using a quart of oil about every 250 miles. Reading the tip

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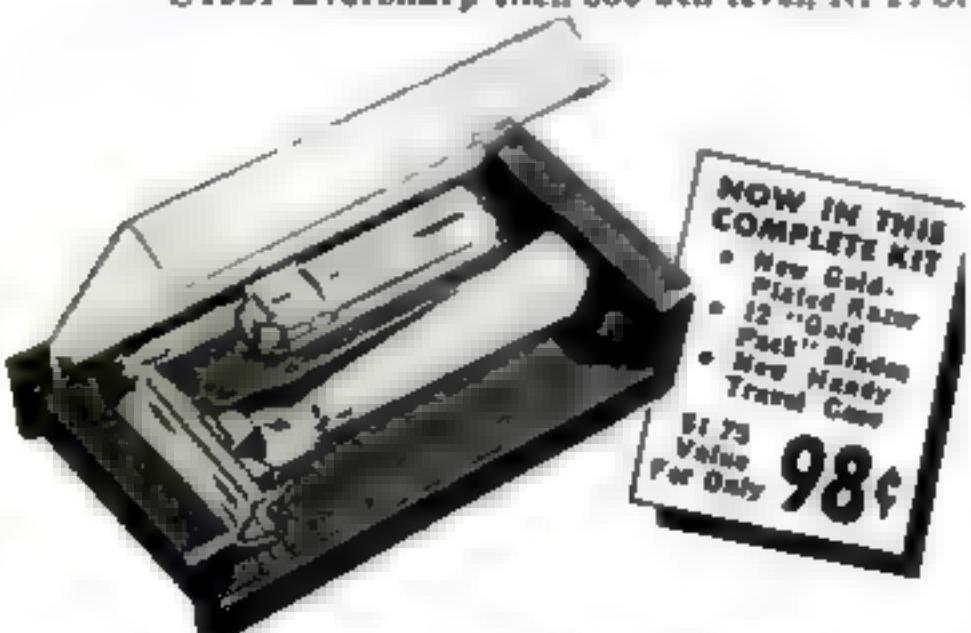
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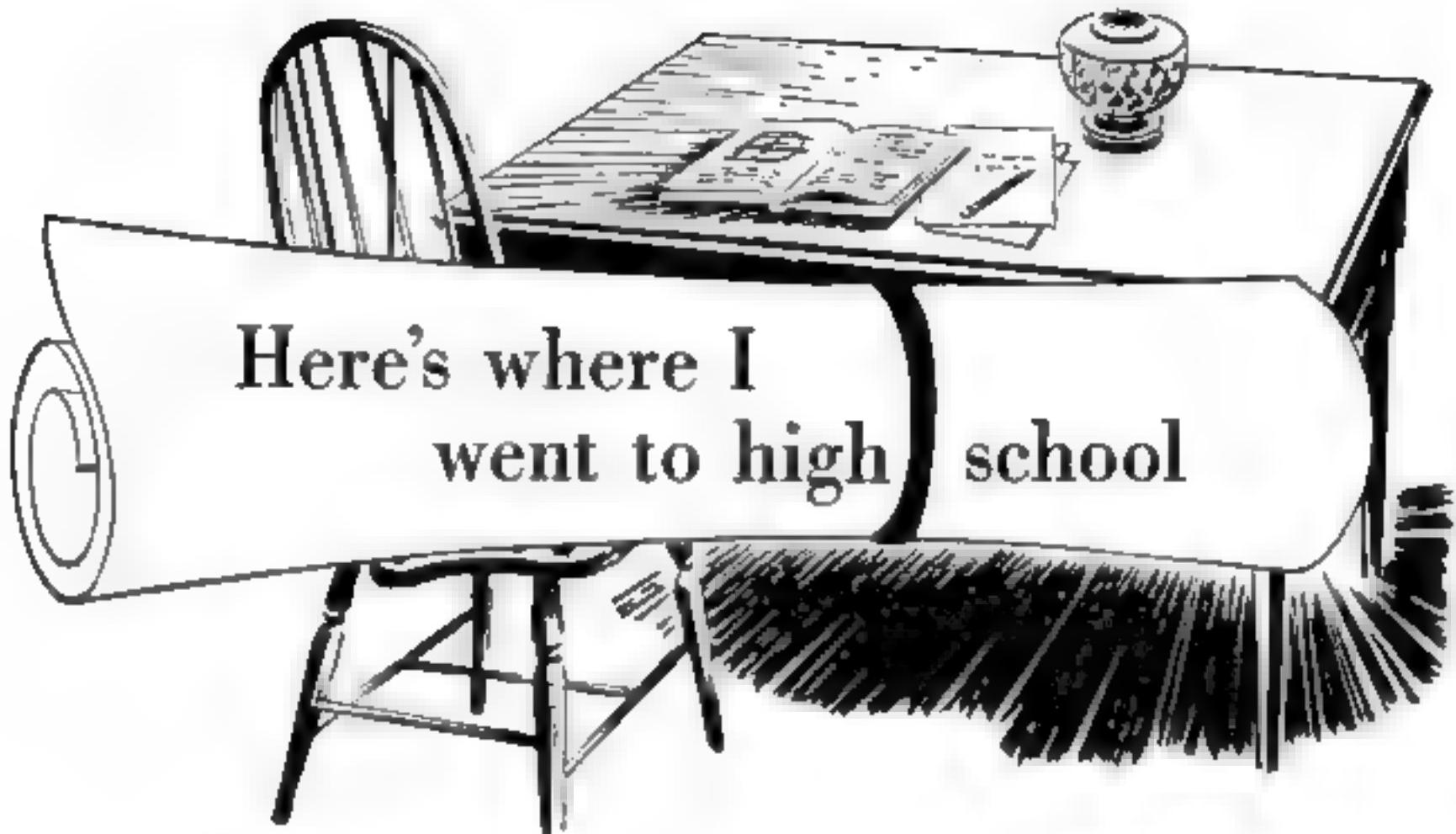
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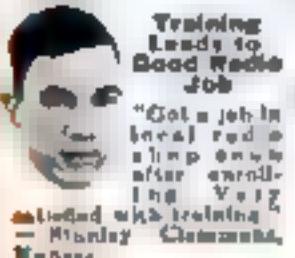
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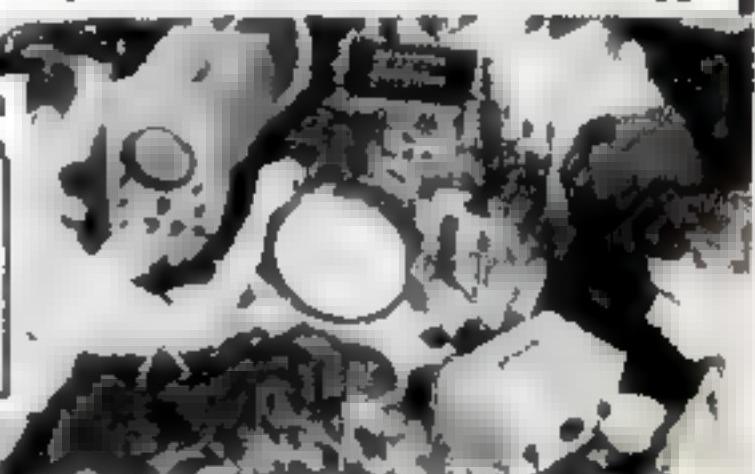
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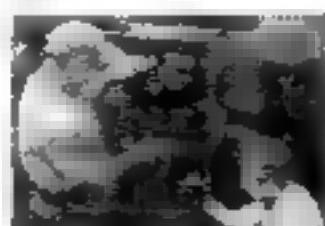
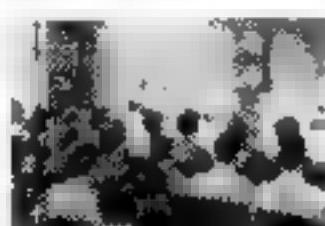
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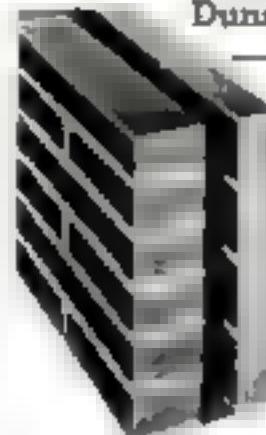
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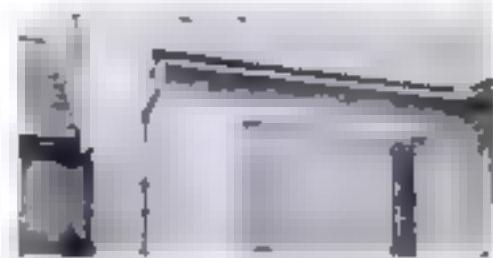
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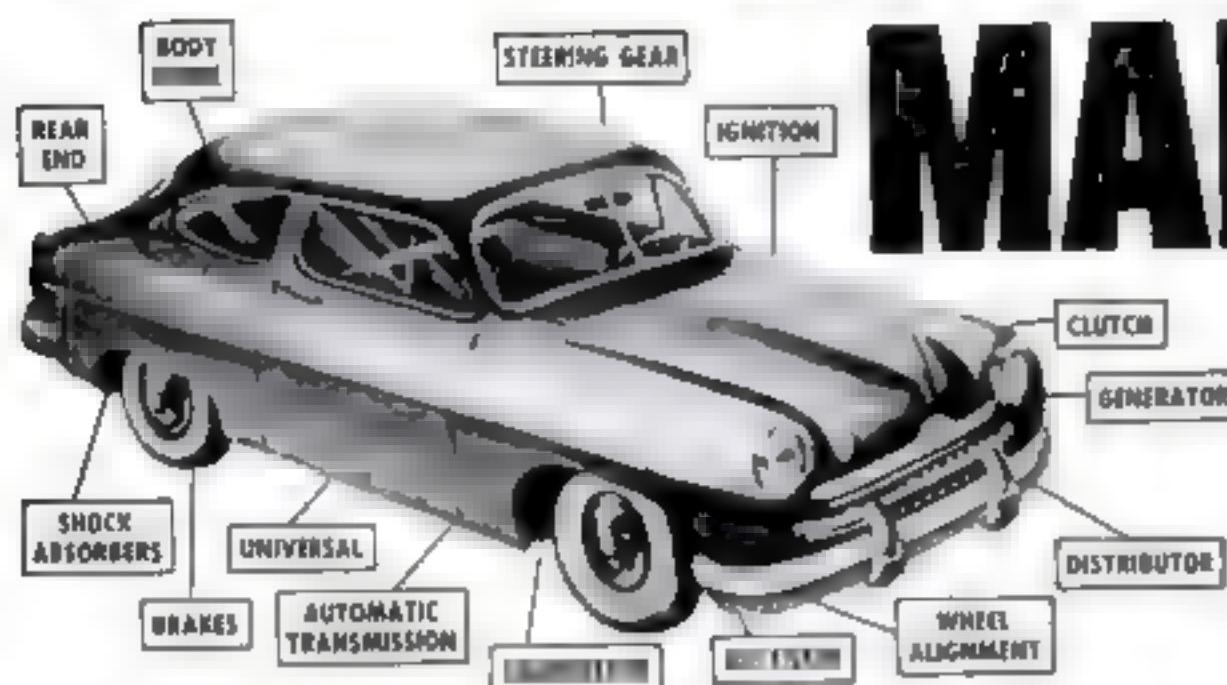
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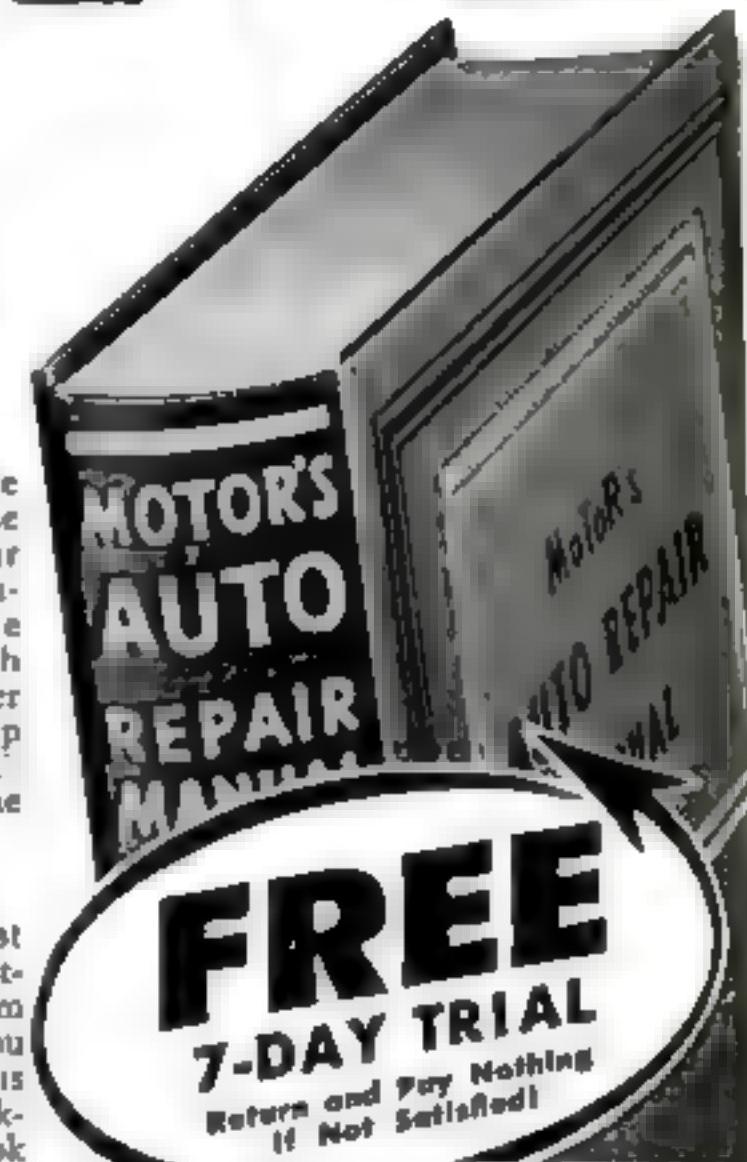
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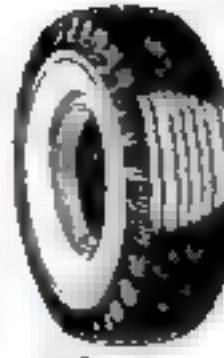
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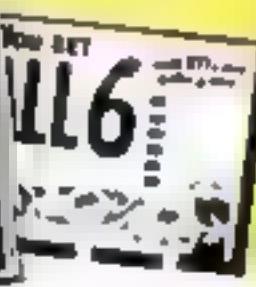
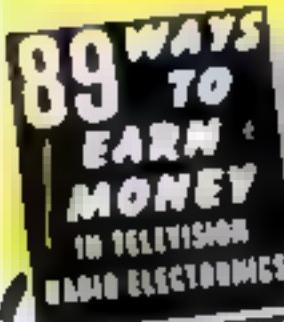
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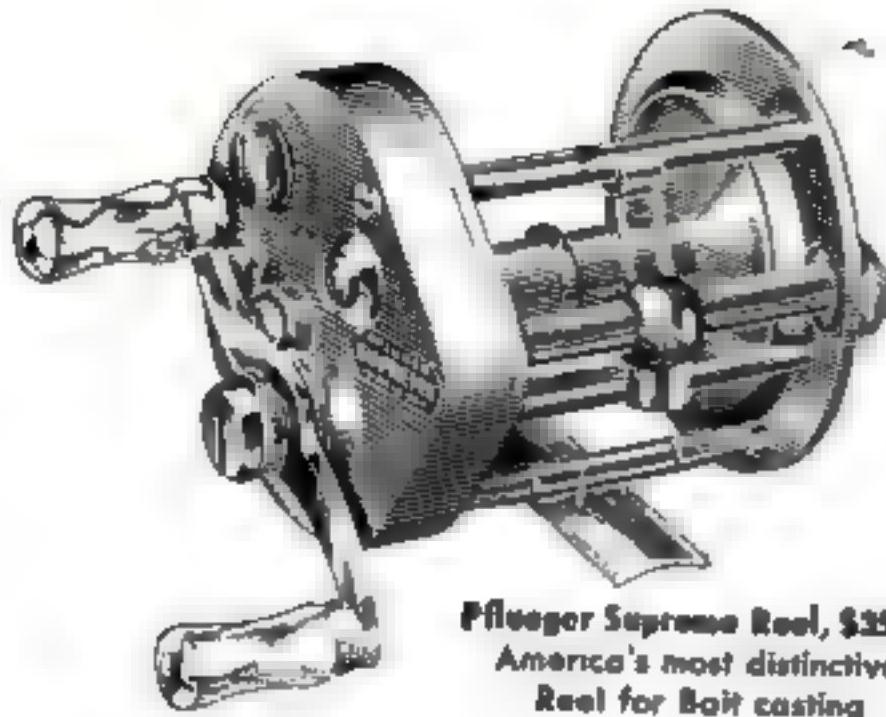
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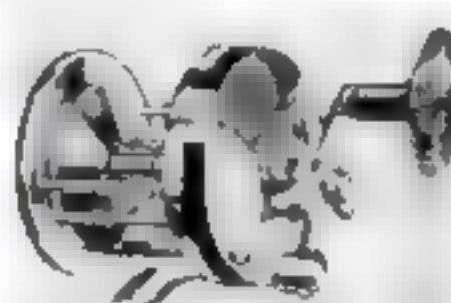
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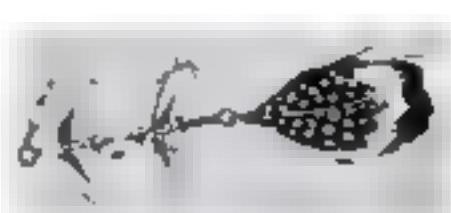
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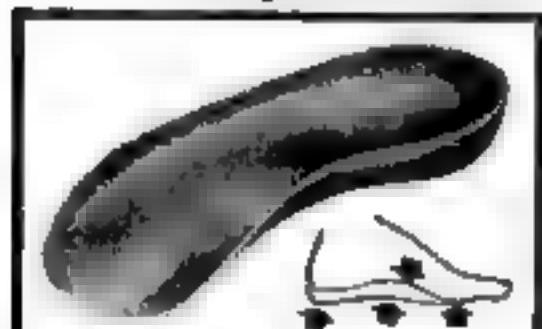
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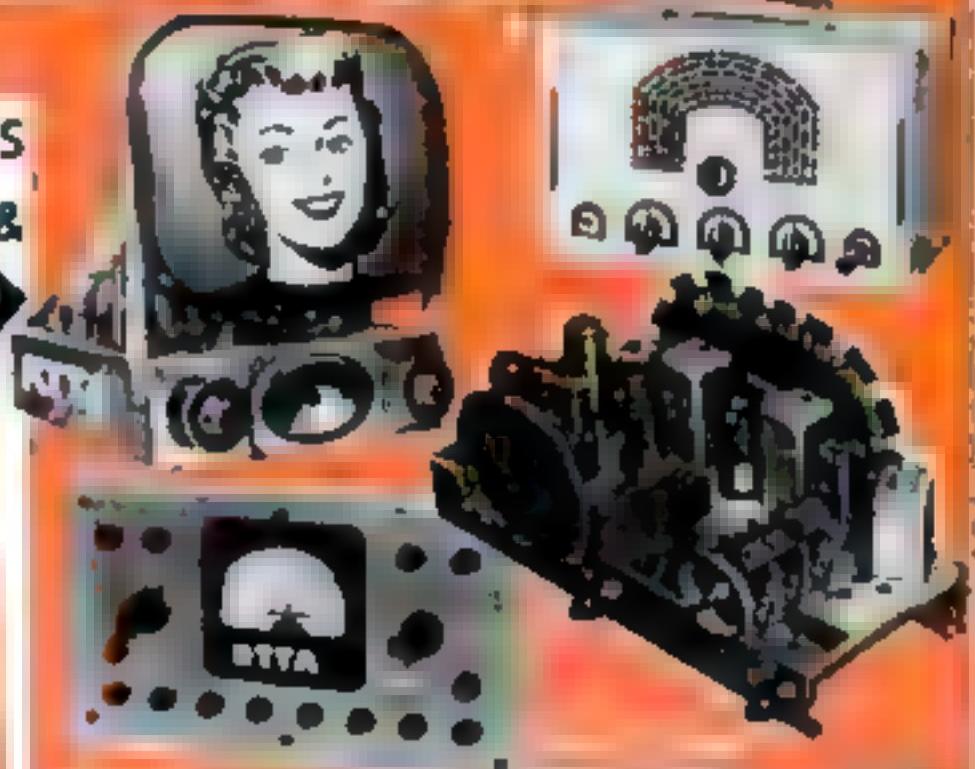
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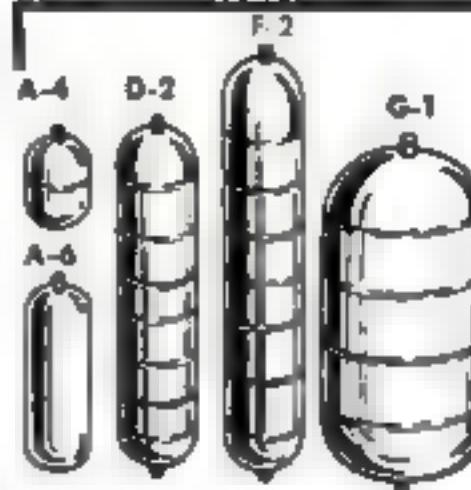
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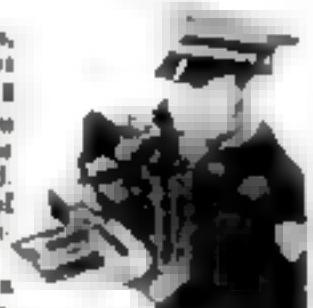
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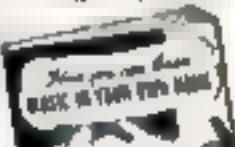
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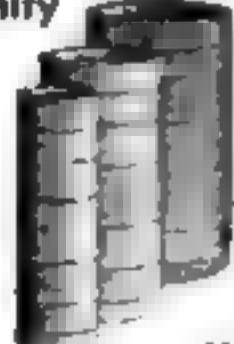
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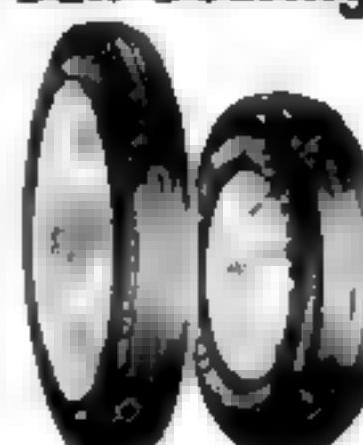


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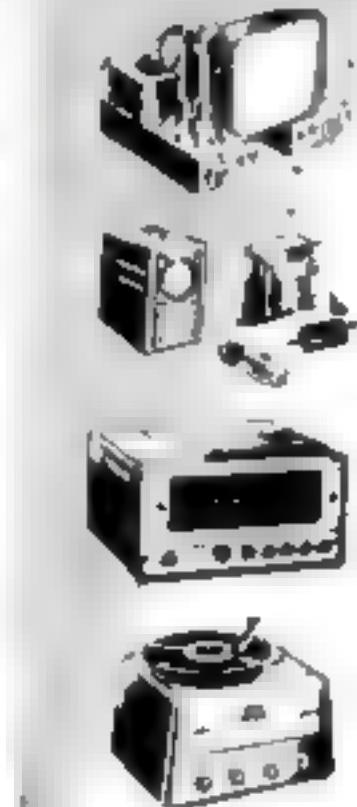
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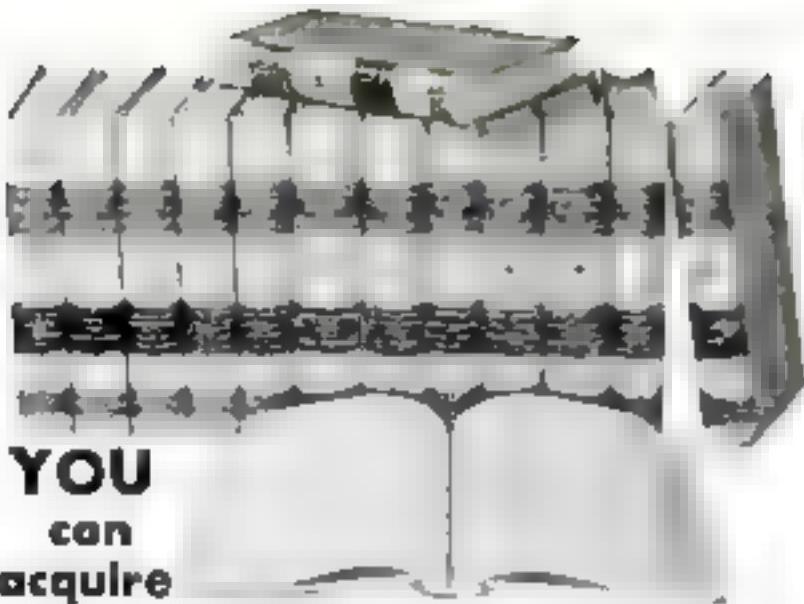
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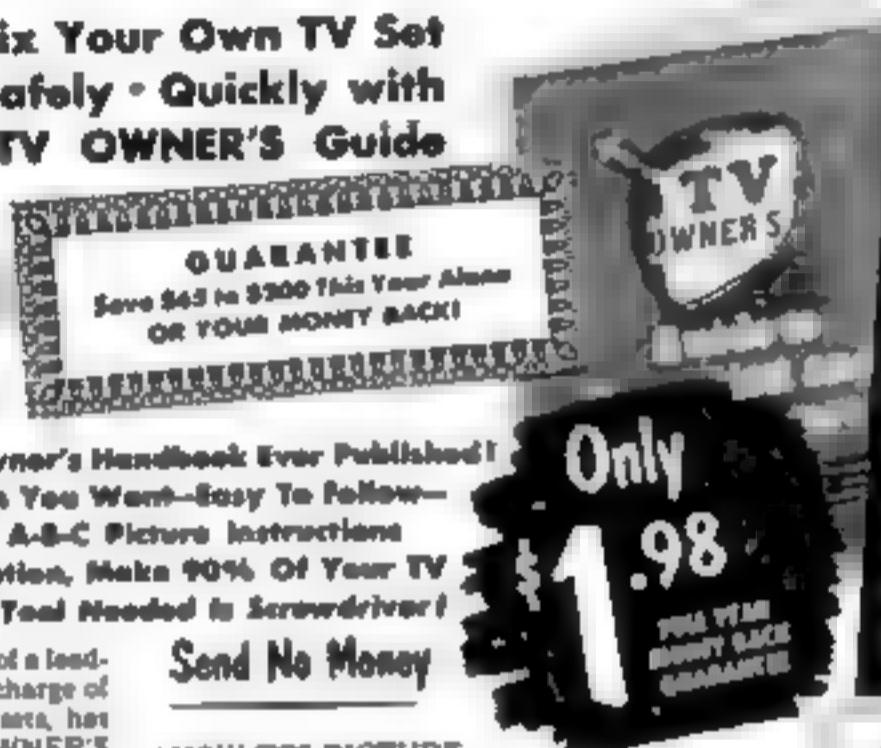
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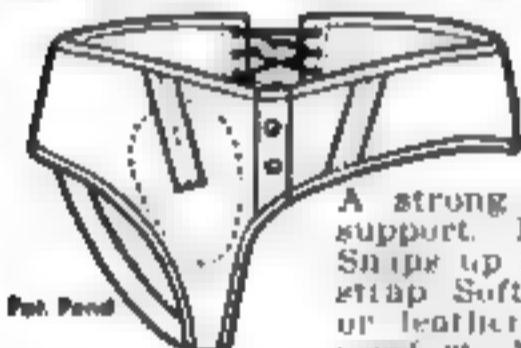
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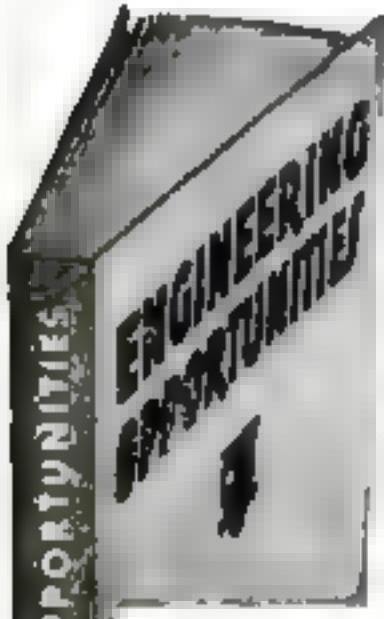
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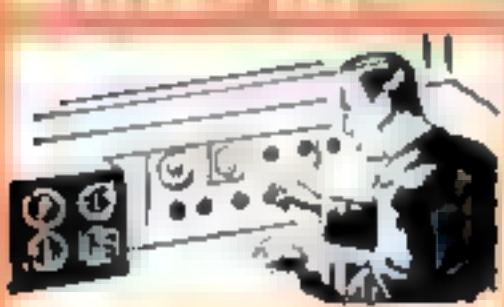
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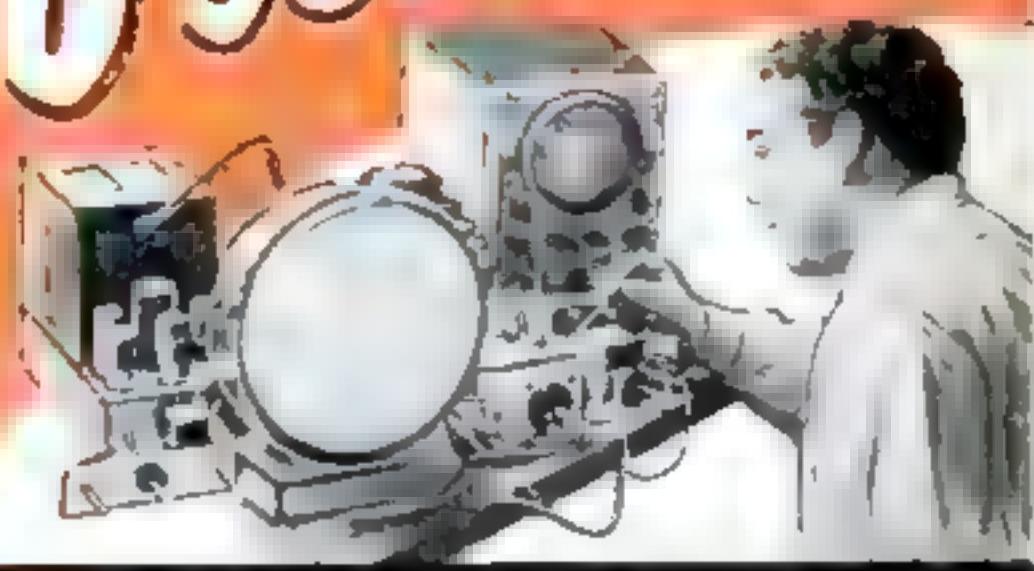
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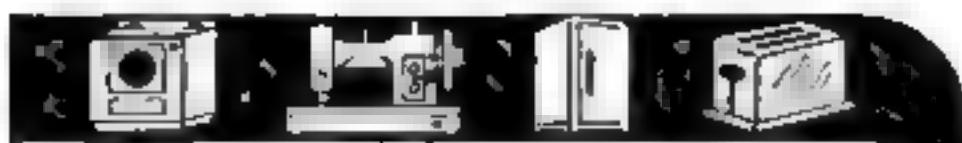
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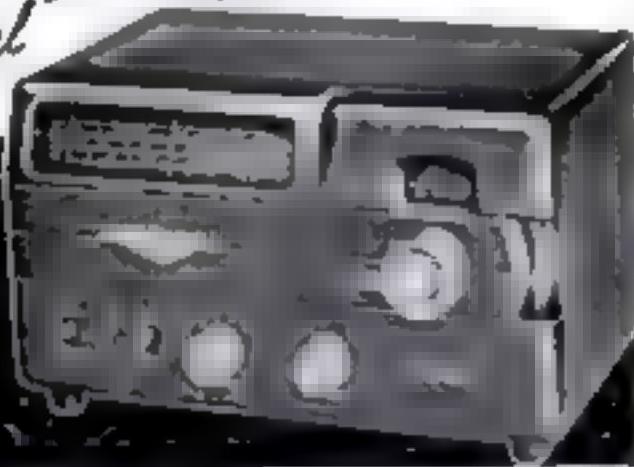
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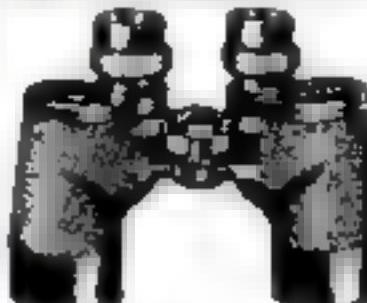
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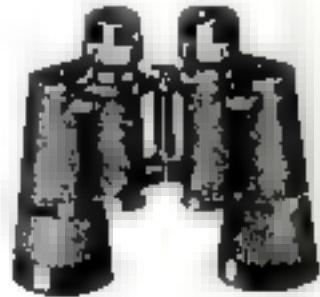


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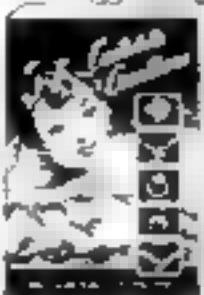
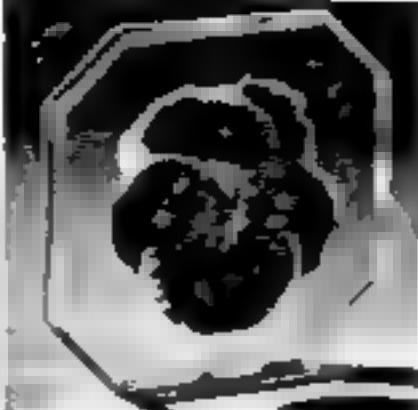
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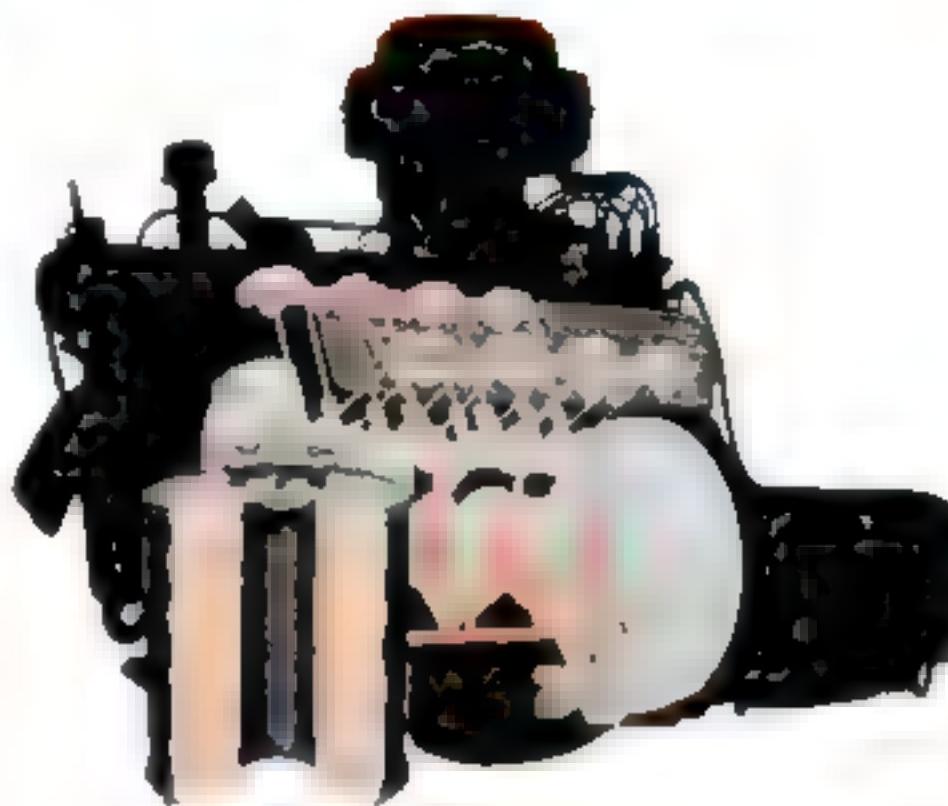
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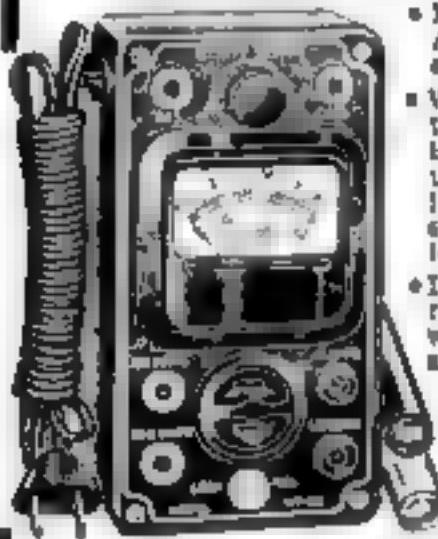
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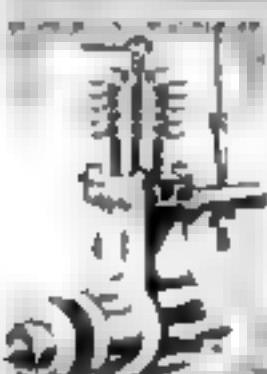


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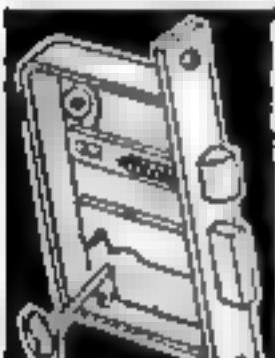


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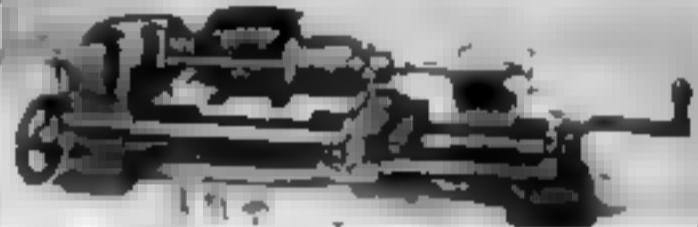
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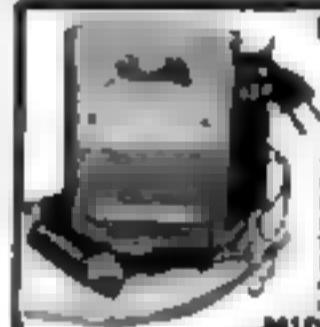


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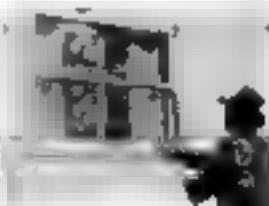
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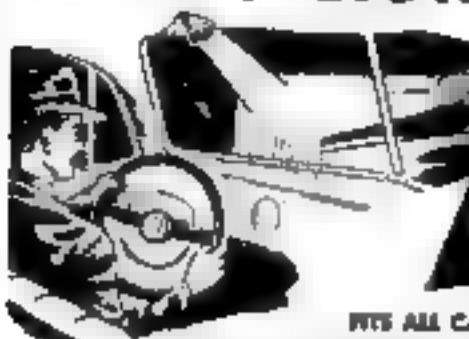


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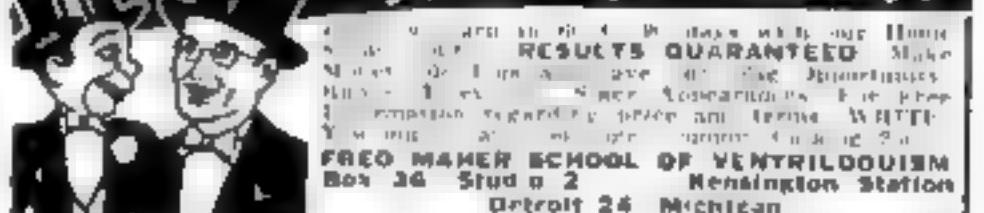
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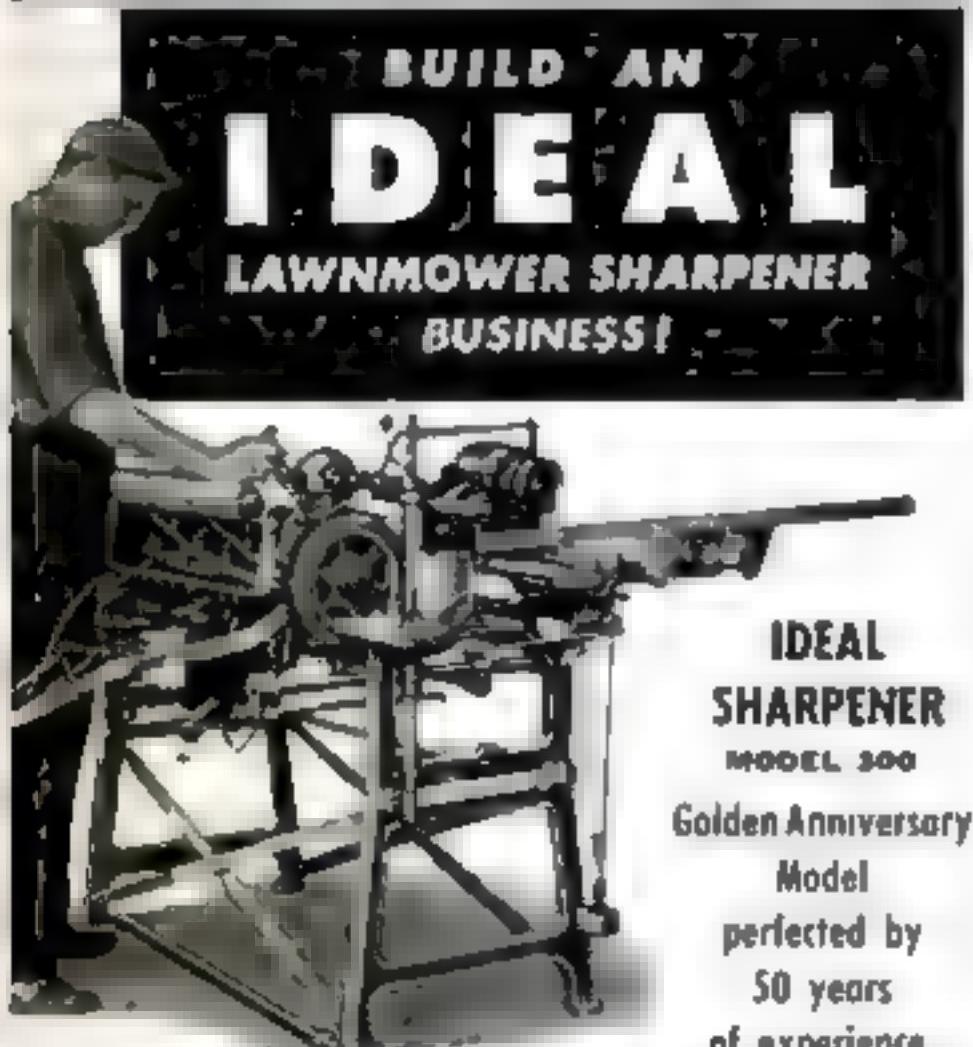


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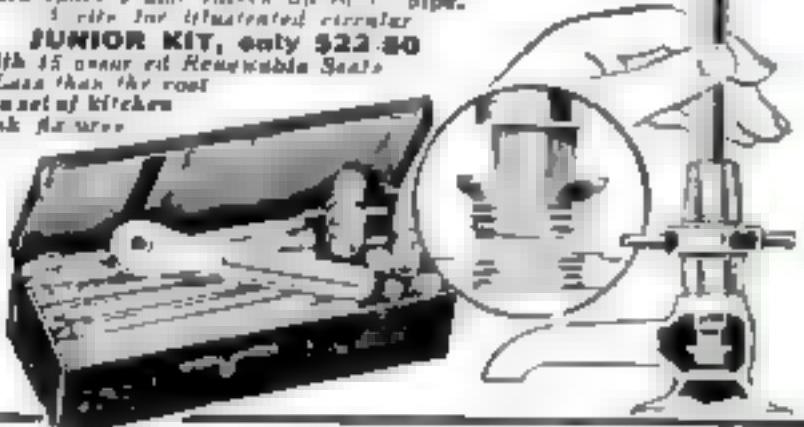
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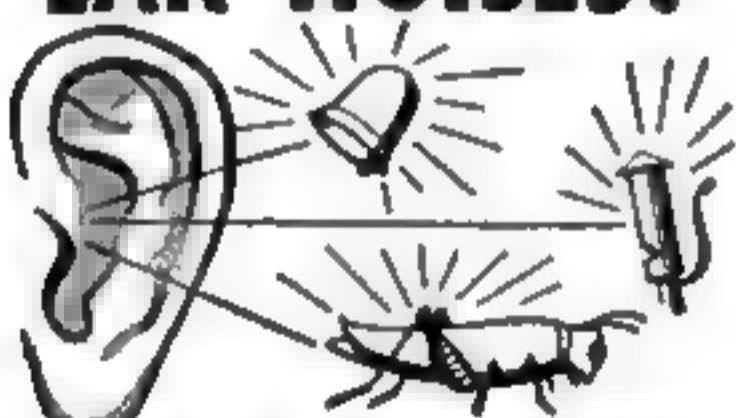
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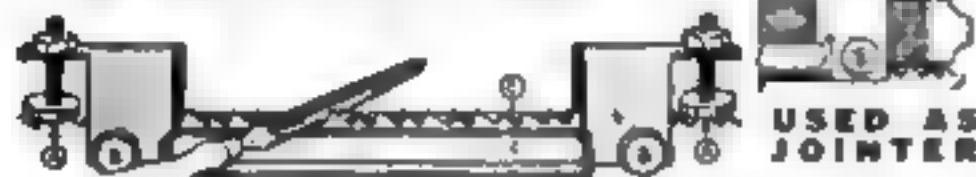
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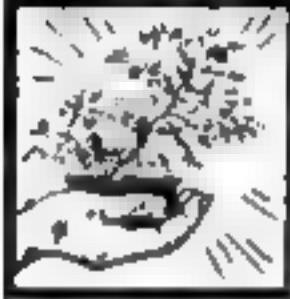
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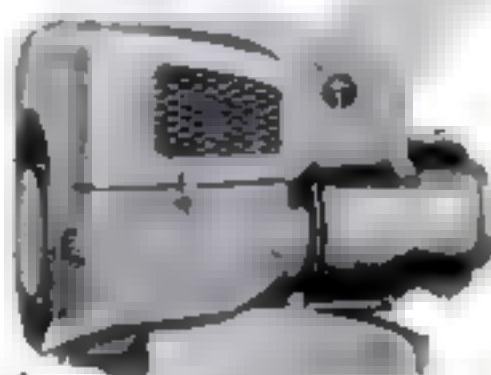
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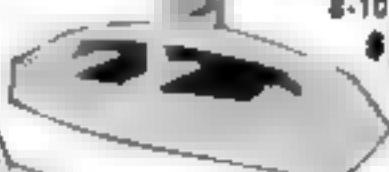
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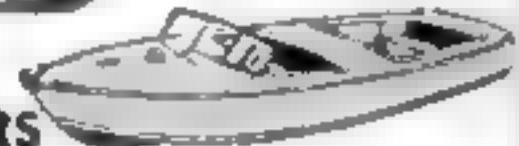
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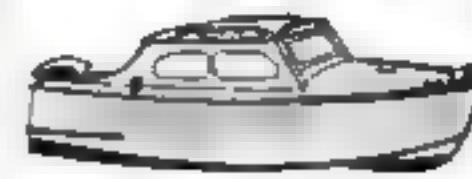


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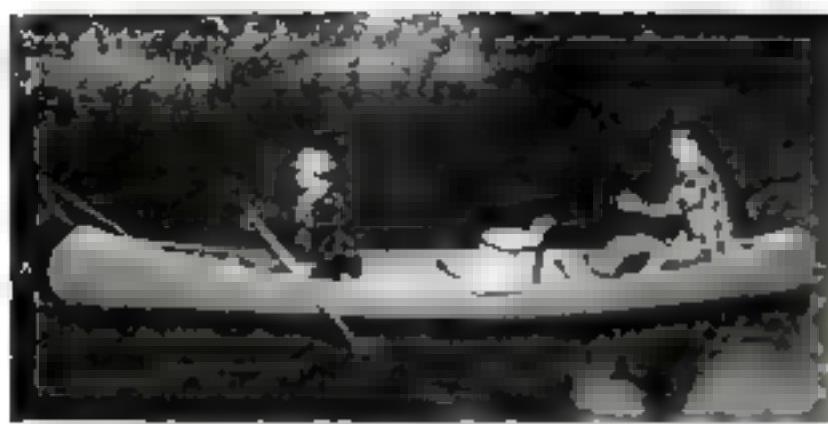
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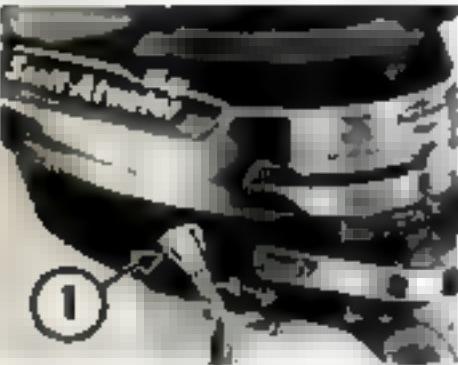
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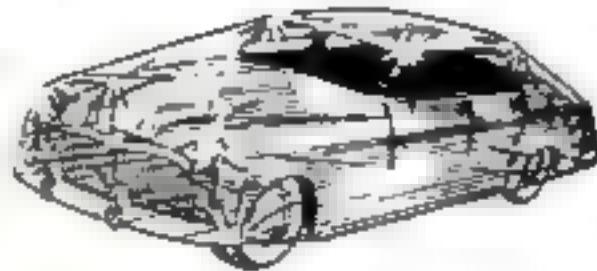
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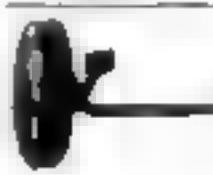
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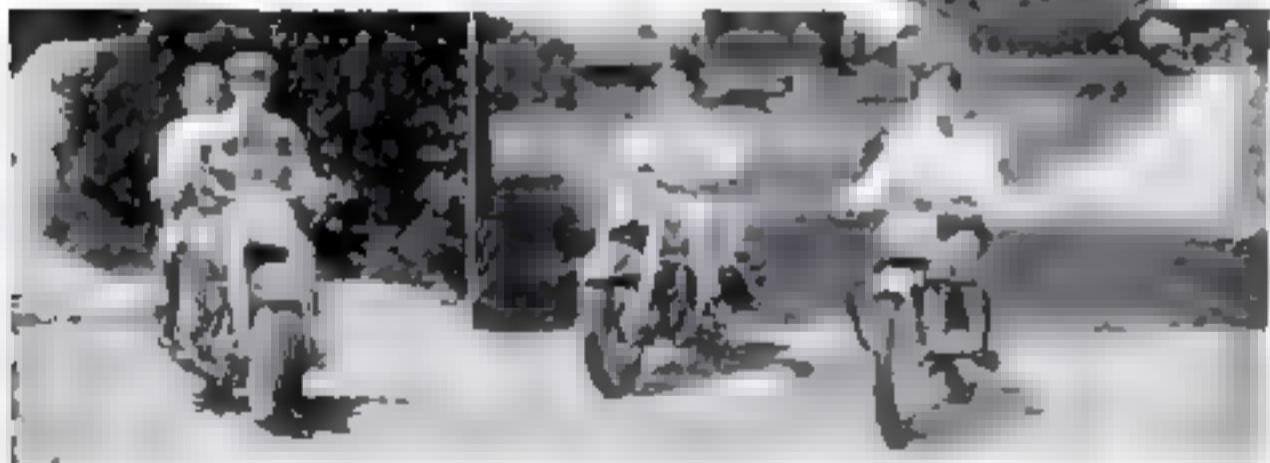
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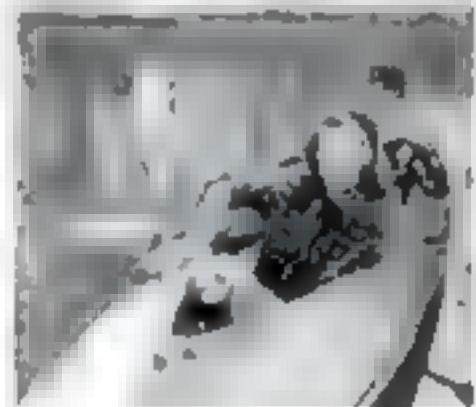
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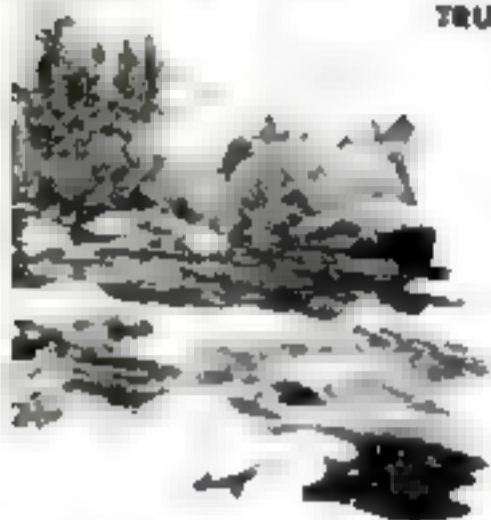
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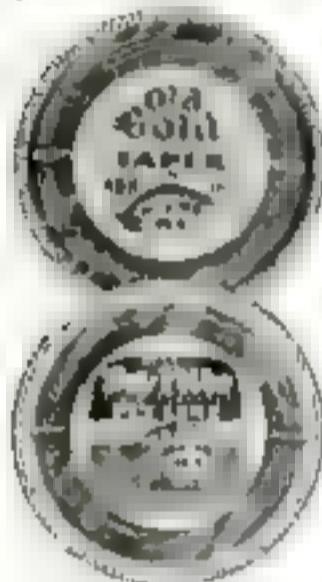
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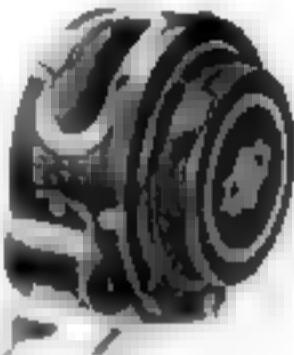
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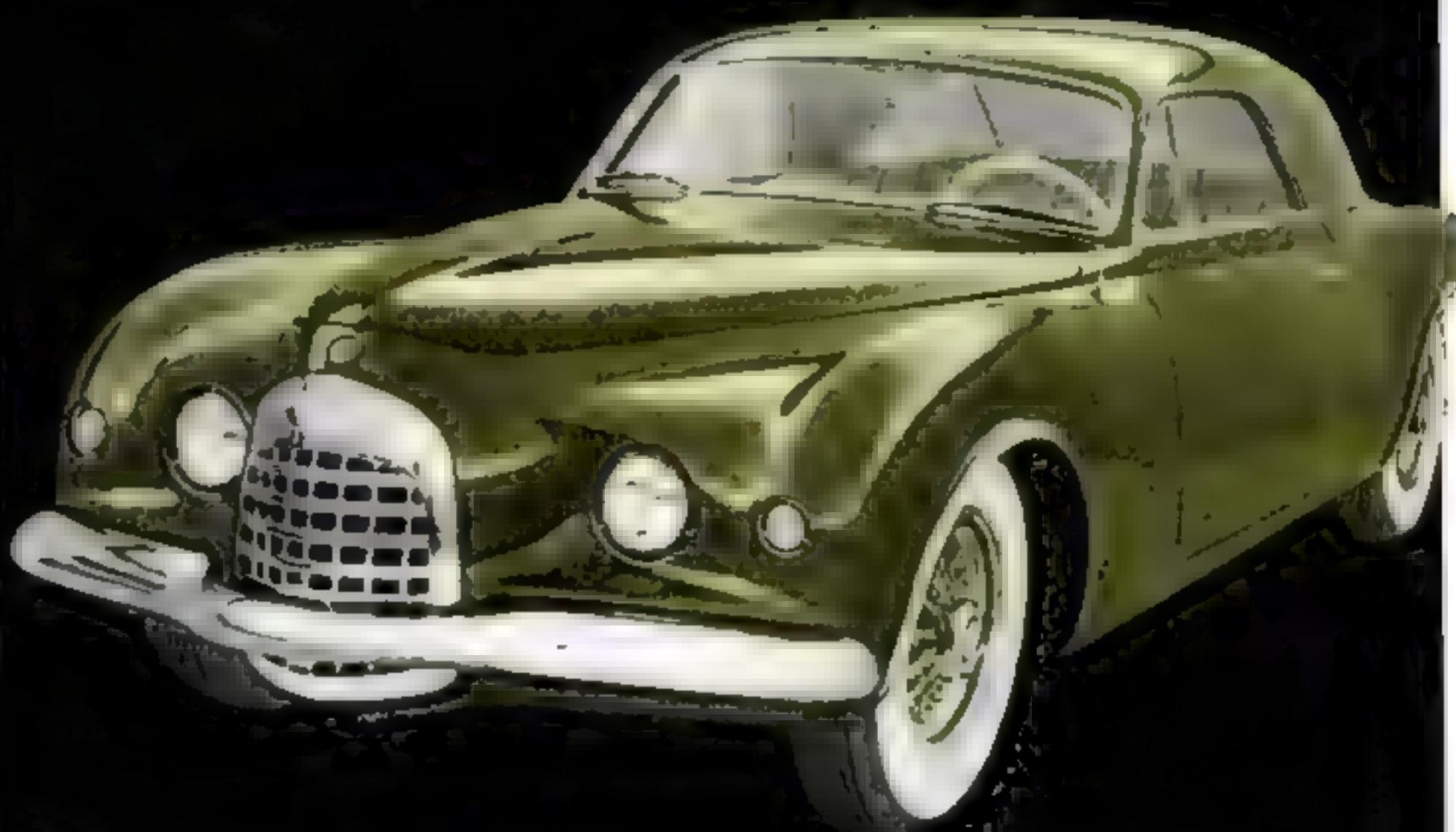
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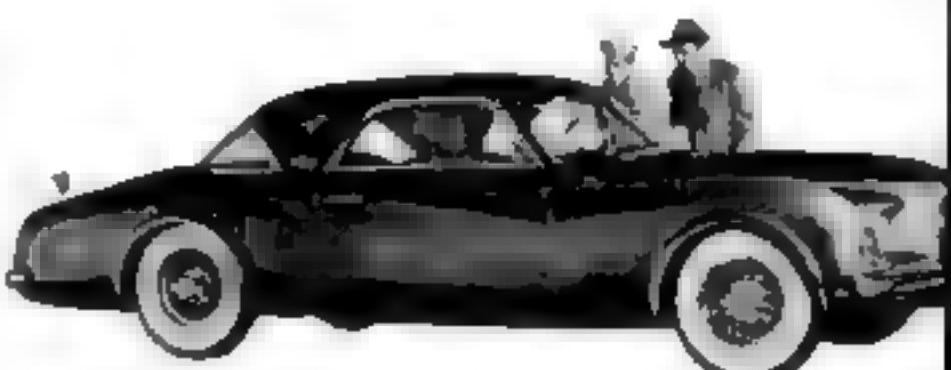


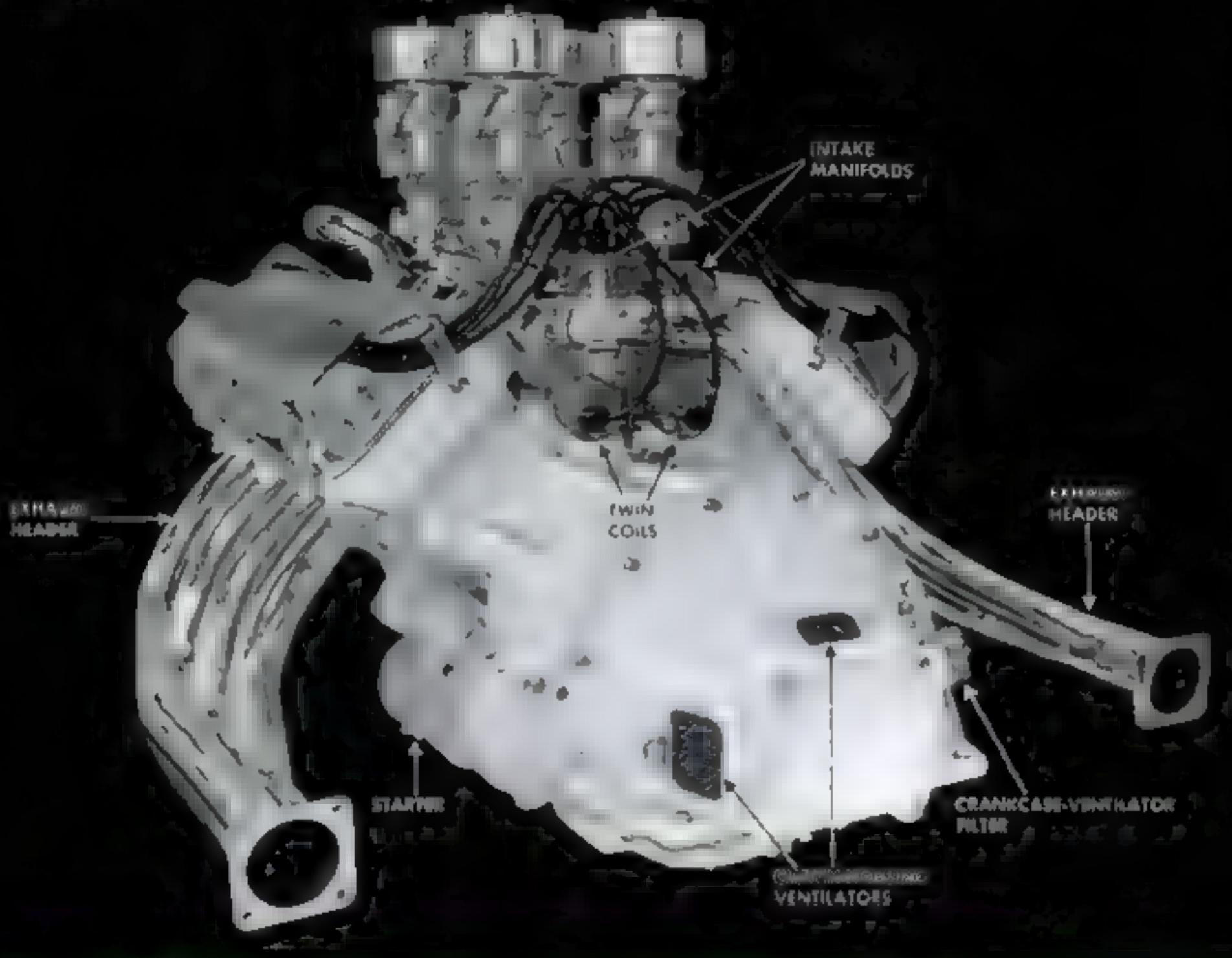
Chrysler Unveils Dream Sports Car

You can't buy it yet, but this 310-hp. luxury job may go on a production line.

A MAN walked into the Chrysler Corp. general offices in Detroit the other day and said, "I'll give you \$100,000 for that car." He meant it. He could pay it.

The car he wanted was Chrysler's K 310, newest of the fancy pants, experimental, European-type sports jobs to be exhibited





ENGINE IN K-310 is basically Chrysler's hemispherical-head V-8, but original 180 hp. has been raised to 310 at 5,200 r.p.m. Changes that help add power include four carburetors

for better breathing, a dual exhaust system, bigger valves, valve timing that permits more overlap, mechanical valve tappets, second coil for better high-speed ignition.

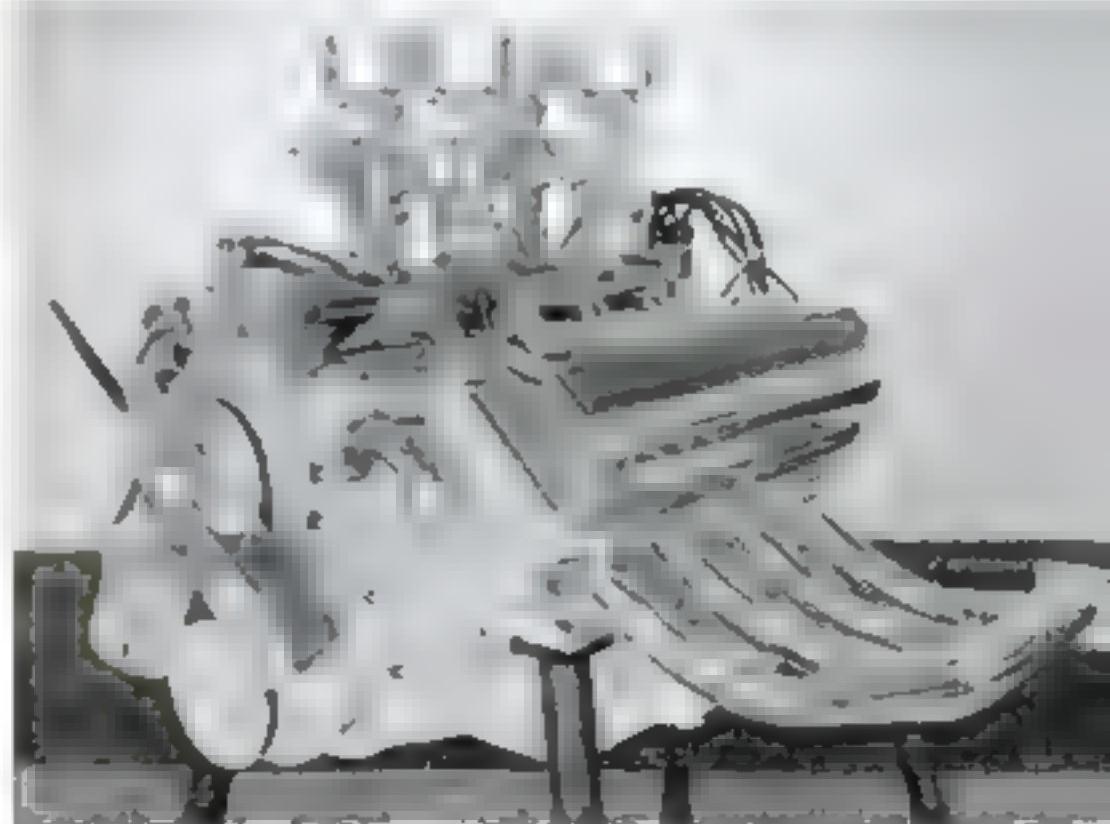
in the U.S. The engine is Chrysler's hemispherical-head V-8, souped up to 310 horsepower. The frame and transmission are also Chrysler's. But the body was hand-built in Italy by the Ghia Co. of Turin (PS, Jan. '52, p. 88).

The man with the \$100,000 couldn't buy the car. It's one of a kind. But some day he may get a duplicate. No decision has been reached, but Chrysler won't deny it is fiddling with the idea of putting the K-310 on a production line.

Sometime this spring, engineers will begin road testing the car after it has completed its current exhibition tour of major cities. One thing they want to know is what that powerful engine will do in a car. They'll also try out a lot of fancy accessories.

On the basis of the engineers' tests, an important decision will be made—whether to give buyers a chance at a production-model K-310.

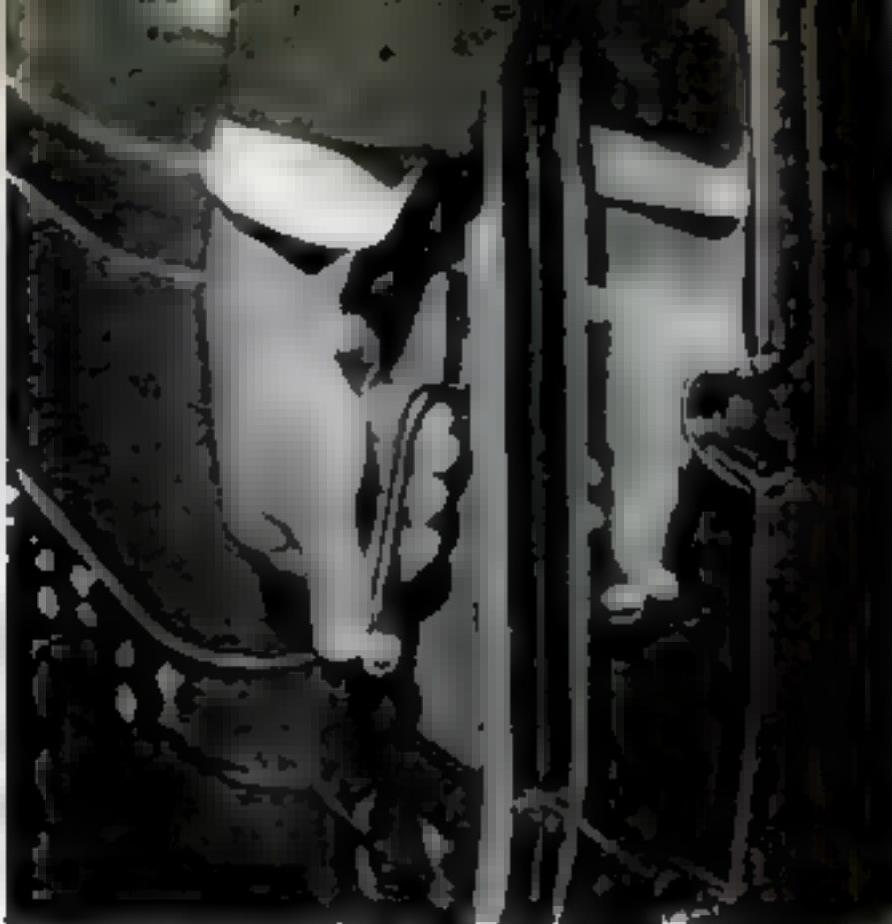
SUPER ENGINE was displayed like this when Chrysler first exhibited the K-310, but it is now in the car. Its cylinder displacement is same as standard V-8, 331 cubic inches. Compression was raised from 7.5:1 to 8.1:1, but engine uses presently available Ethyl gas.





GRAB HANDLE on instrument panel is typical of European sports cars. Panel also has a tachometer—at driver's left. For road testing, car will be equipped with power steering, electric window lifts and seat adjusters, and a mechanical steering-wheel adjustment.

WHEN YOU TILT SEAT, special linkage moves it forward for more entrance room. Seat is divided off center. Car is 220½ in. long, 59 in. high, has 125½-in. wheelbase, weighs just under 4,100 lb. It seats six comfortably.

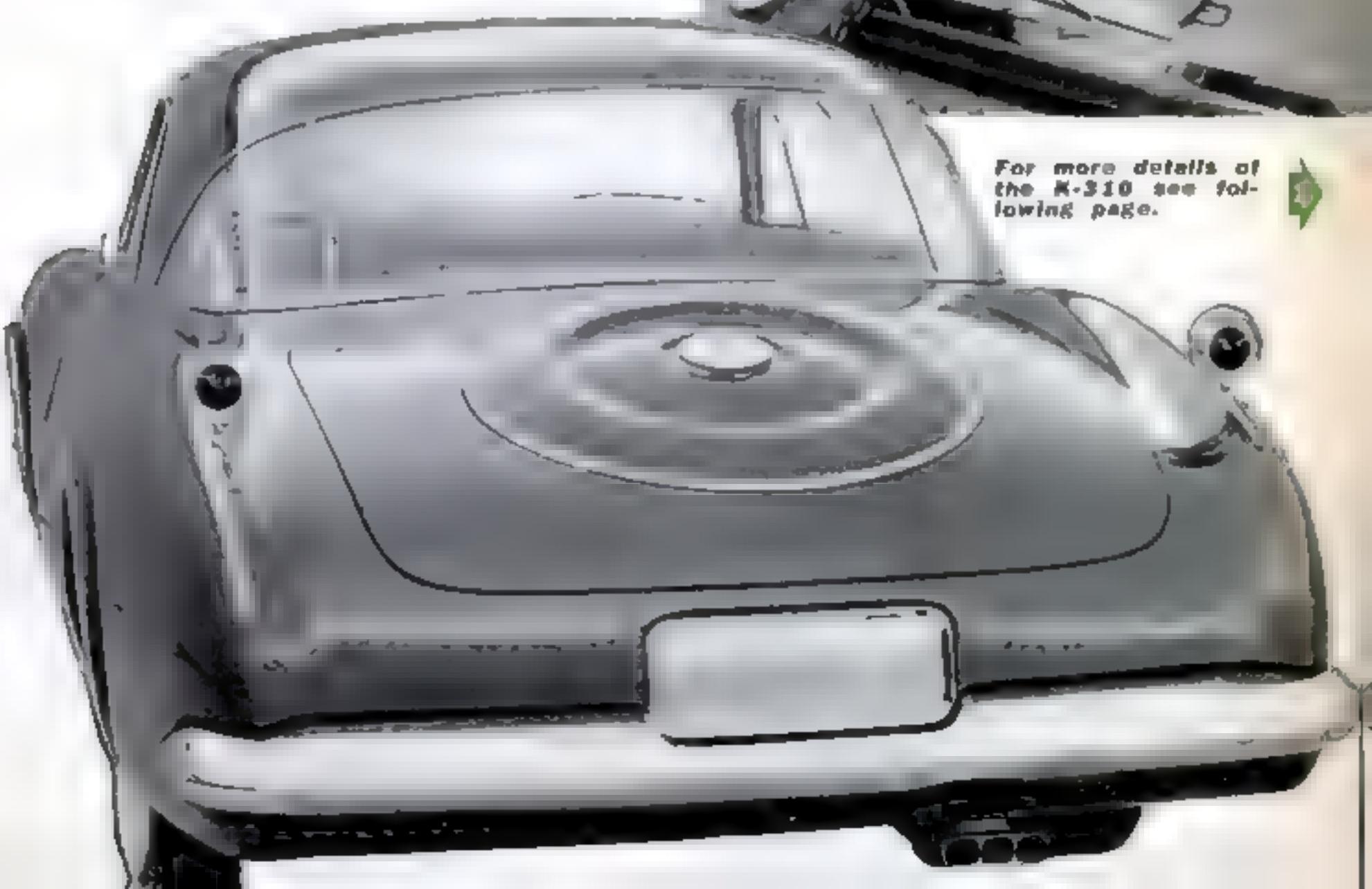


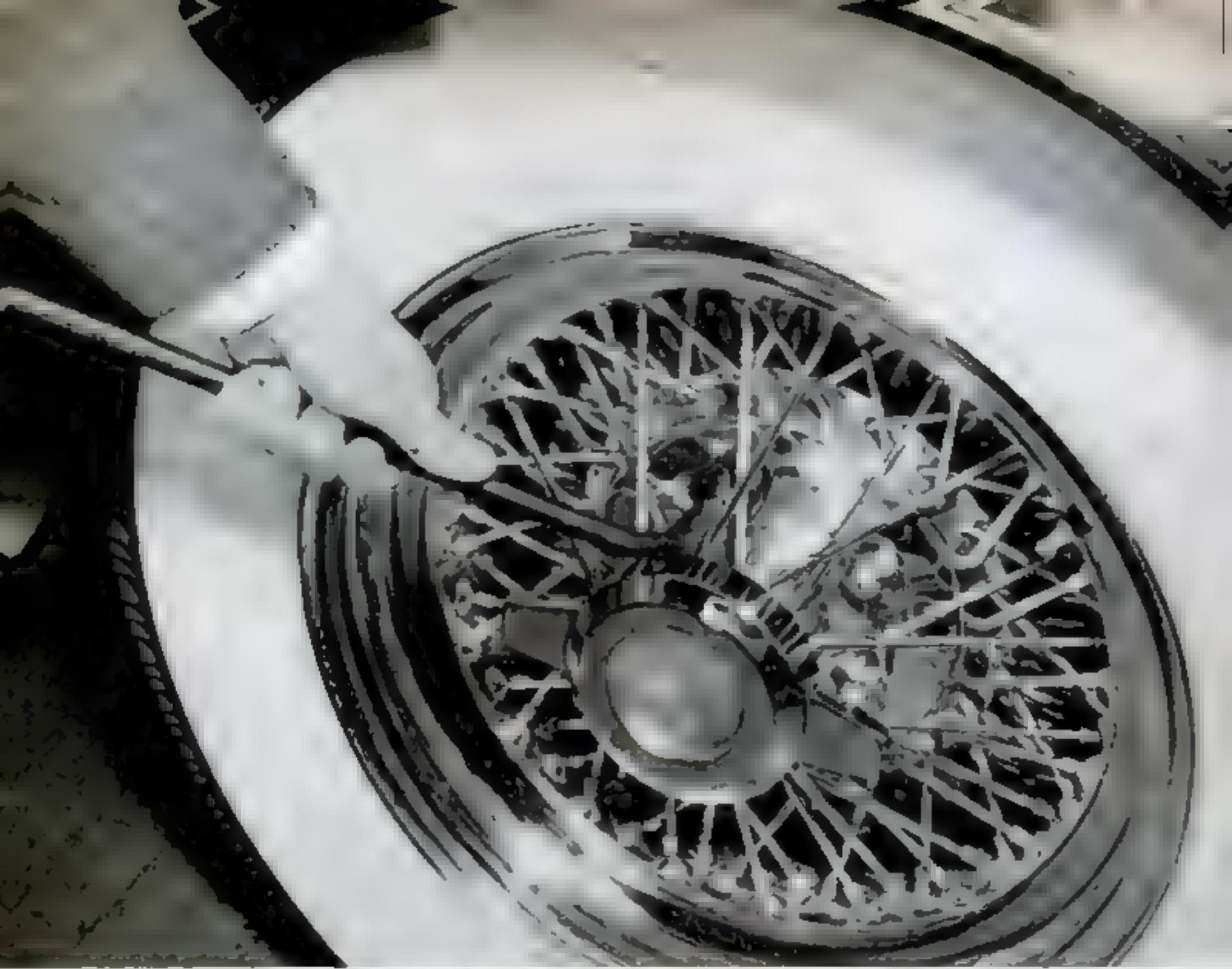
YOU PULL HANDLE beside rear seat—there's one on each side—to open spring-hinged trunk lid. Body of K-310 is all steel, but any production model would include some aluminum to cut weight. Outside guesses as to price of production car: \$8,000 to \$12,000.



WHEEL DESIGN ON DECK is strictly ornamental. Pedestal units on fenders include turn signals, tail and stop lights. Since this photo was taken, twin tailpipes have been installed.

For more details of
the K-310 see fol-
lowing page.





WIRE WHEELS of K-310 look like racing knock-off type, but are actually mounted with acorn nuts. Open spokes allow better air circulation around disk-type brakes. Wheels of large diameter were used to carry out European lines, give $7\frac{3}{4}$ -inch road clearance.

DOOR HANDLES are flush with body. Thumb pushes out latch so fingers can get behind it. Body of K-310 is blue, wheel-hub centers are gold, and inside trim is gray and light blue.

SPARE WHEEL lies flat to give more luggage space. Because wheel and tire weigh 66 pounds, a spring-hinged bracket is provided



for easier removal. Wheel rises and swings out when you remove retaining nuts. A polished steel panel holds the license plate. END





RAF Gets 10-Engine Transport

THE Princess, newest British troop carrier, will fly 200 men nonstop for a distance of 3,500 miles. Ten turboprop engines power the 146-foot-long, double-deck hull. To get the 140-ton flying boat out of its hangar, the tail had to be lowered and the nose raised as shown in the photo above.



Rockets Added to Scorpion

The Air Force is testing a Scorpion that packs more poison—the Northrop F-89D. The twin-jet, all-weather interceptor-fighter totes rockets so lethal a single hit means curtains for the biggest bomber. It follows the design of the standard F-89 but carries electronic aiming devices and automatic triggering equipment for pinpoint rocket hits. A long-range plane, it does better than 700 m.p.h. Air pressure inside the cockpit changes automatically with altitude.

"Most Powerful" Jets Push Britain's Delta-Wing Fighter



THE British conception of a twin-jet, long-range interceptor-fighter of formidable power—the GA 5—is shown at left. It is just off the secret list and performance details are scarce. Delta-winged and radar-equipped, it is fitted with Sapphire jet engines, claimed to be the most powerful made. The plane can serve in all weather, day or night.

What's New

POPULAR SCIENCE this month presents its own automobile show, featuring ten 1952 models that were unveiled in January. They range from the least expensive, stripped-down "transportation" to the lushest luxury wagons.

Seven of these cars are pictured here and on the next two pages. Mechanical innovations include a new power-steering unit, a new carburetor and an improved transmission. Stainless steel has been substituted for chrome in some restyling jobs.

The Lincoln and Mercury, which are new from bumper to bumper, are described on pages 134 and 158 respectively. Wilbur Shaw reports on the Hudson, which has made only styling refinements, on page 122.

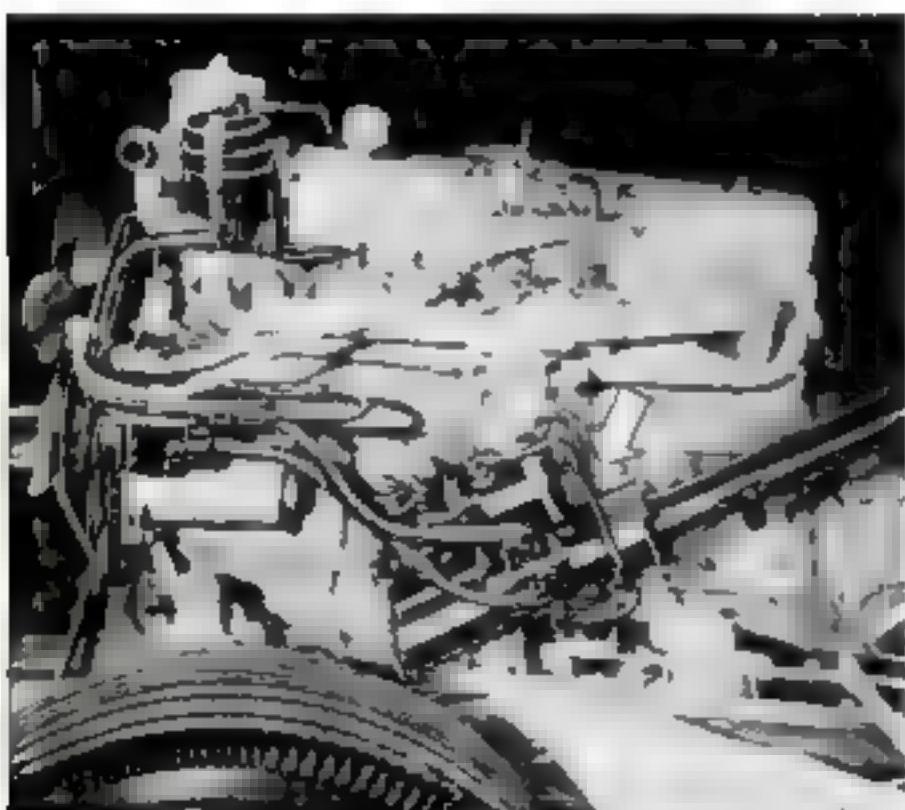
Take a good look. This year will be the last for new lines of cars until Uncle Sam ends the freeze on design changes.

—DEVON FRANCIS

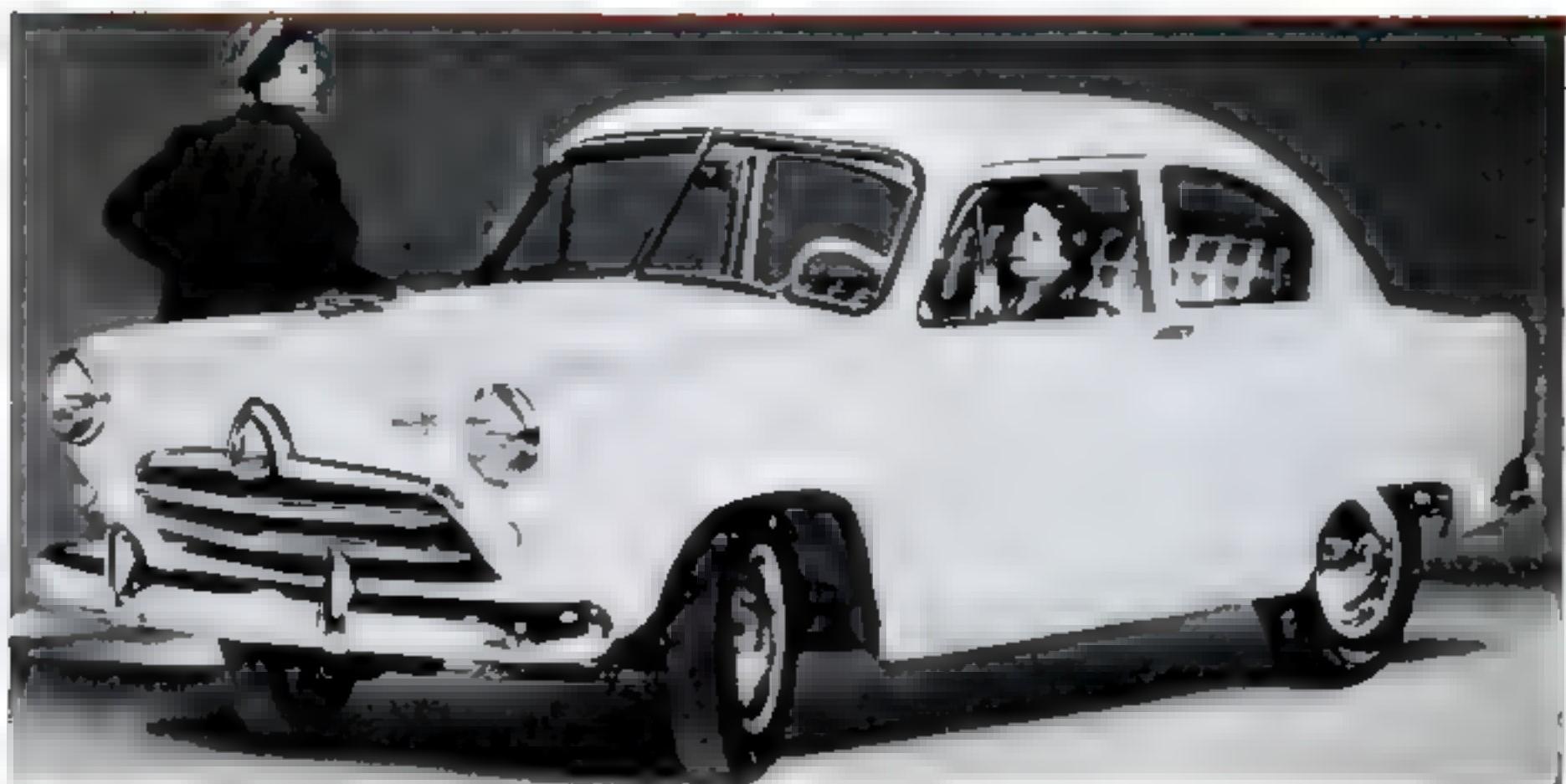


BUICK

Power steering appears on Buick for the first time this year. It differs from the one other hydraulically boosted passenger-car unit—Chrysler's—in that the driver gets a feel of resistance from the wheel. Shown at left (arrow), it requires the motorist to compress springs as he turns, giving him the sensation of steering while actually taking three-fourths of the effort out of the job. The steering-wheel ratio—21.3 to 1—is also about the same as that used with manual steering. A new type of carburetor provides a greater flow of fuel and air as the car gains speed. It is actually two carburetors in one, the second unit acting as a booster at high speeds. Styling changes include a new trim line that sweeps from the top of the front fender to the bottom of the rear. A higher "bustle-back" deck lid gives more luggage space.



in '52 Cars?



ALLSTATE

The nearest thing to a mail-order automobile is announced by Sears, Roebuck. Basically, the Allstate, as it is called, is the little Henry J produced by Kaiser-Frazer. Some minor changes have reduced

the cost of the car. Described as the lowest-priced full-size sedan in the U.S., it will be sold equipped with Allstate tires and batteries through Sears' retail stores. Like the Henry J, it will get 30 to 35 miles per gallon, comes with four or six cylinders.



STUDEBAKER

Biggest news about Studebaker is that the company has abandoned the aero-nose design announced two years ago. For 1952, Studebaker hoods are flatter, longer, lower. Grilles and bumpers are wrapped around farther, and changes have been made in the design of the tail lights and trunk-lid handle. Brake-pedal action is improved by a better linkage. Rear brakes now have floating shoes. A five-passenger hard top has been added to the line.

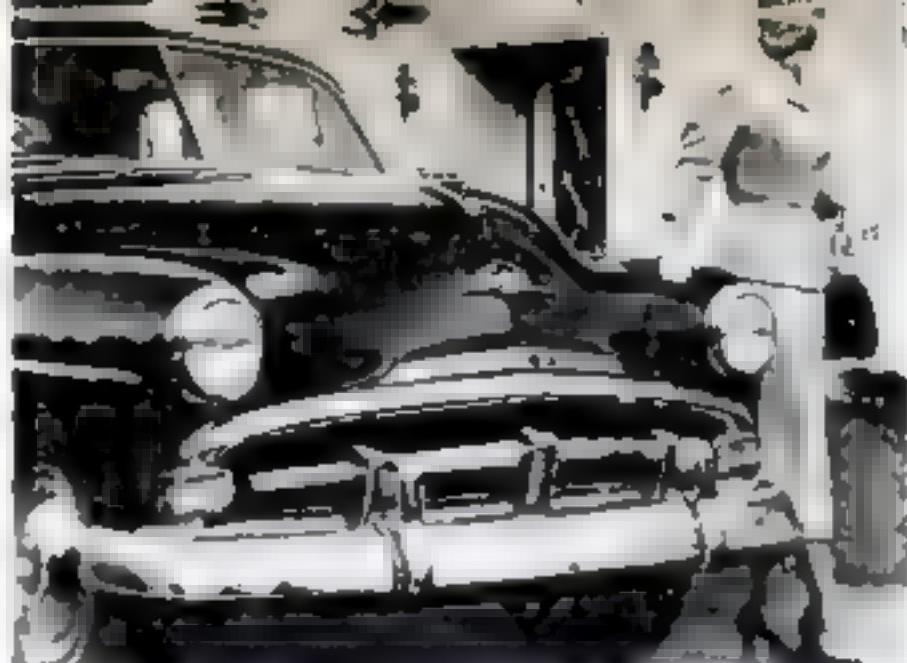


CHEVROLET

Engine mounts and shock absorbers are modified in the new Chevrolet to improve dampening of road and mechanical vibration. The carburetor on the car's famous six-cylinder overhead-valve engine has been altered to make the accelerator more responsive to the toe. An automatic choke is added to Powerglide automatic transmission. Grille and front-end ornamentation have been redesigned, and range of body color schemes is wider.

PLYMOUTH

An improvement in the Oriflow shock absorbers that were first announced a year ago (PS, Feb. '51, p. 98) and a new combustion chamber for the six-cylinder L-head engine characterize the 1952 Plymouth. The new head not only gives the motorist better gas mileage but adds to the snap of the engine as well. Some minor styling modifications have also been made.



OLDSMOBILE

The trend toward emphasis on hard tops is evident in the 98 series of Oldsmobiles. The car pictured above, the Olds Holiday Coupe, has new rear-deck

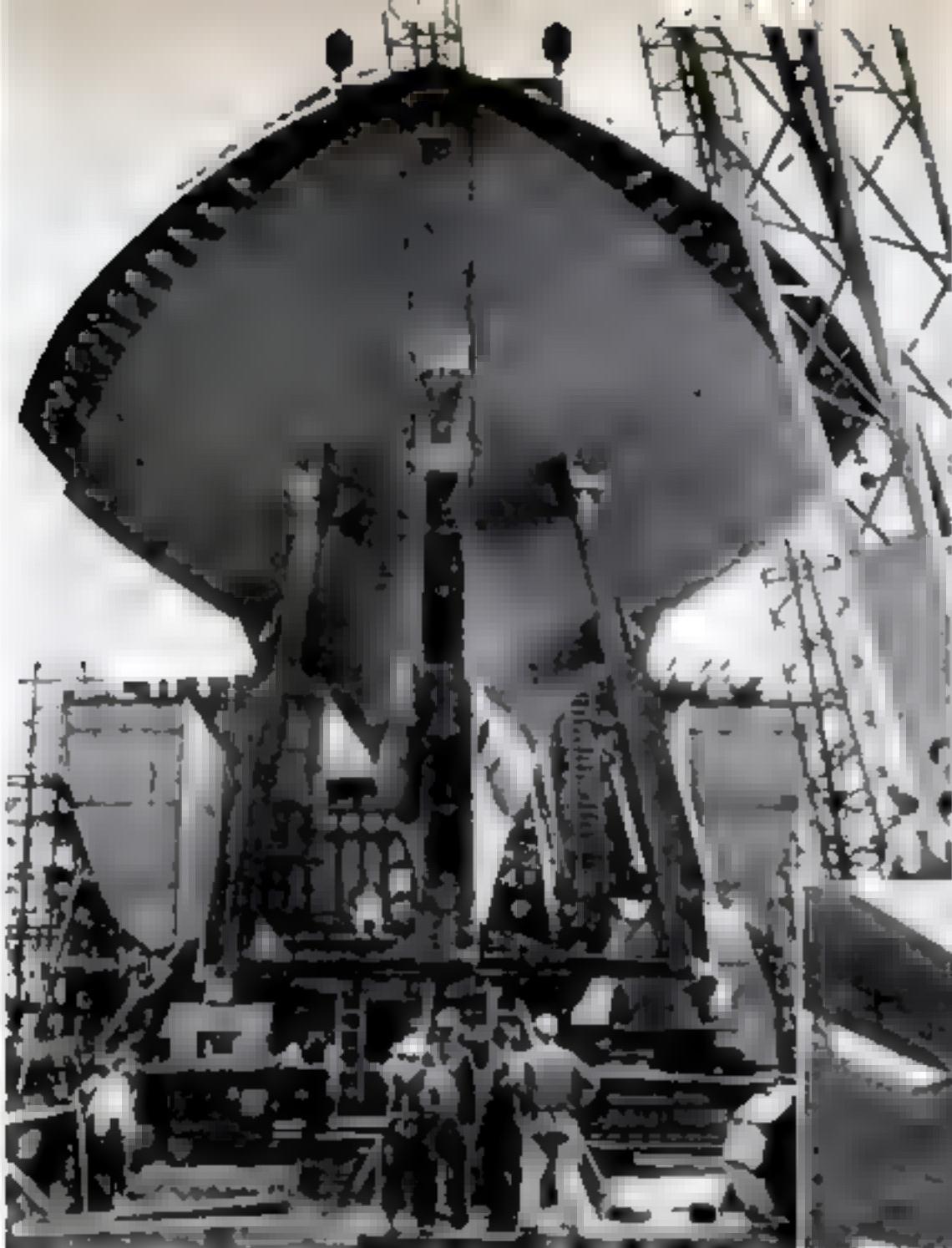
styling to accentuate the long, low look of this series. The 160-hp. engine is equipped with the new carburetor that is being featured by Buick. Hydraulic steering is optional. The Hydra-Matic unit is improved.



CADILLAC

The most powerful passenger-car engine made in this country was announced for the golden-anniversary Cadillac. Of 190 horsepower, it is basically Cadillac's famous V-8, but valving and exhaust system have

undergone redesign. In approved hot-rod style, each bank of cylinders has its own exhaust manifold, and there are dual mufflers and dual exhaust pipes. A new carburetor is standard equipment, power steering and Dual-Range Hydra-Matic optional.



BIGGEST PREFAB SECTION of ship was 126-ton stern, shown above being hoisted into place.



Prefab Freighter to Haul Limestone

You've heard of rowboats built in basements? Here's a freighter, the *John G. Munson*, that was prefabricated indoors. Steel plates were welded into big sections of the ship by giant machines like "Jungle Jim" (below). Later the prefabricated units were riveted together outdoors to form the 666 foot hull. The self unloading limestone hauler, recently launched (left below), will start its Great Lakes trips this spring.

Tool Like Sandblaster "Drills" Teeth, Doesn't Hurt—They Say

A HIGH-PRESSURE jet of abrasive powder is replacing drills and burrs in some dentists' offices. The instrument cuts into a tooth cavity in the same way a sandblaster skims off the face of a stone building. But instead of sand, it spouts a stream of aluminum oxide driven by pressurized carbon dioxide. A suction attachment removes the abrasive particles from the patient's mouth as the work proceeds.

The new method of cutting cavities eliminates high temperatures and vibration and is said to make "drilling" almost painless. The instrument is made by the S. S. White Dental Mfg. Co., Philadelphia.



Rocketing Doctor Survives Man's Suddeneast Stop



NEW WIDE-STRAP HARNESS held Major Stapp to seat of rocket-propelled sled. Accelerometers attached to mouthpiece, chest and knee (above) measured G force during run.

A MAN driving an automobile 60 miles an hour could stop in three feet without suffering a scratch—if he were properly strapped in and the car held together. The U. S. Air Force has proved it.

On the toughest ride any human being ever took voluntarily, a doctor at Edwards Air Force Base in California rode a rocket sled to a stop which inflicted a punishment of 46.6 Gs—more than 46 times the force of gravity.

This was eight more Gs than any man had ever taken and lived to tell about it.

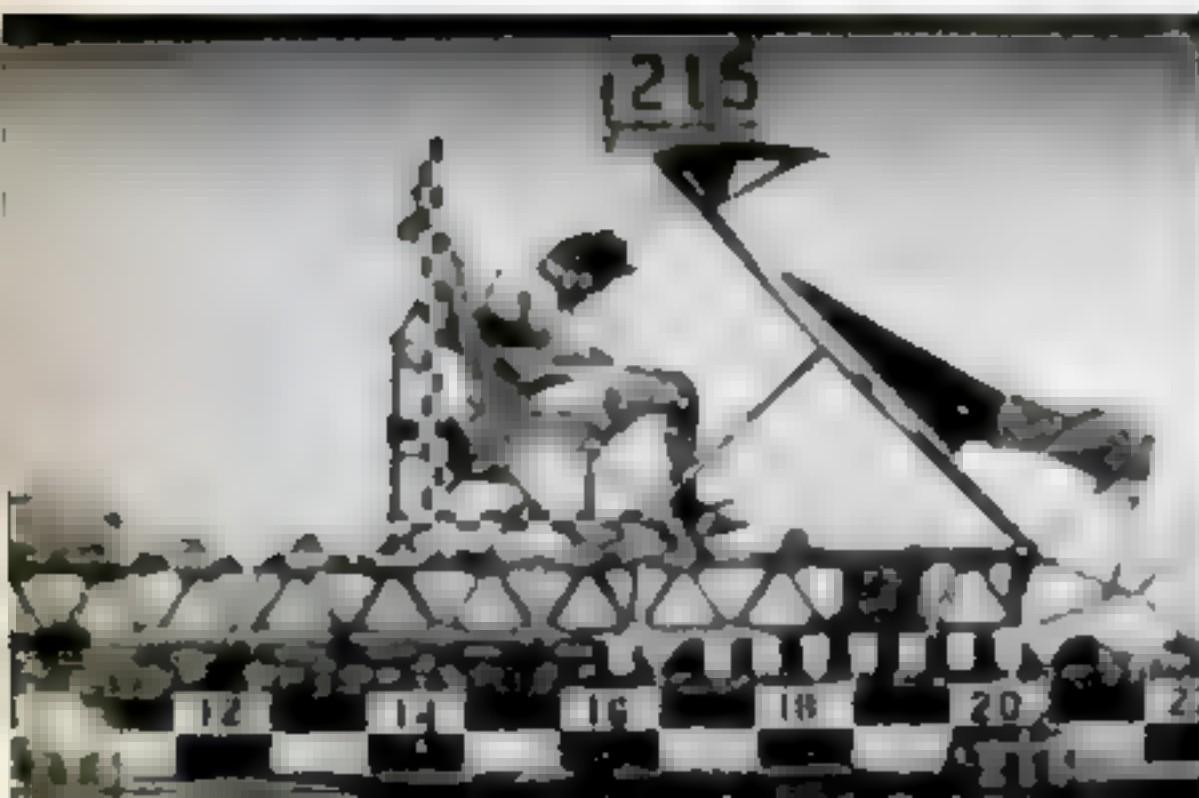
He was decelerated 120 miles an hour in 31 feet. That's equal to a full stop in three feet from 60 miles an hour.

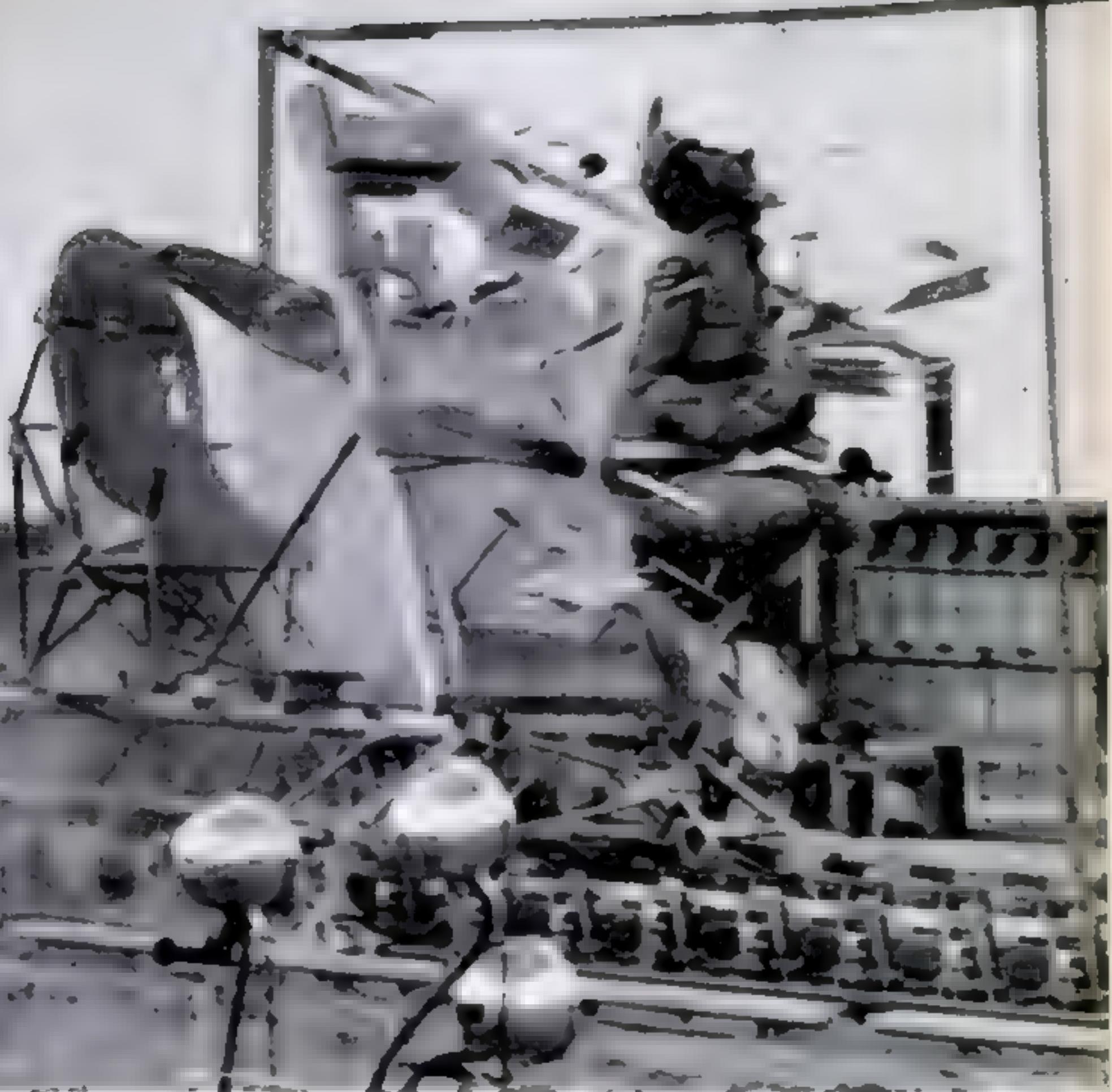
All that saved Maj. John P. Stapp, flight surgeon and project officer at the Aero Medical Laboratory at Wright Field, from serious injury or death was a restraining harness. His abdomen, shoulders, legs, arms and even his feet were strapped to the seat structure.

He rode the same rocket-propelled car described in *POPULAR SCIENCE* in March, 1950, (p. 152) as a test bed for human deceleration.

From dozens of rides that Major Stapp and 13 other men have taken in the rocket car, the Air Force has gleaned information for the design of a new wide-strap nylon seat harness. It consists of V-shaped leg

SLED HIT BRAKES (left below) at 154.8 m.p.h., slowing to 34.4 m.p.h. in .228 second. Impact of 46.6 Gs (right below) strained Stapp's body fiercely against straps.





HERE'S WHAT WOULD HAPPEN to an airman in ordinary harness decelerating at 35 Gs. Above: dummy crashes through inch-thick wooden barrier. Right: dummy is *kaput*.

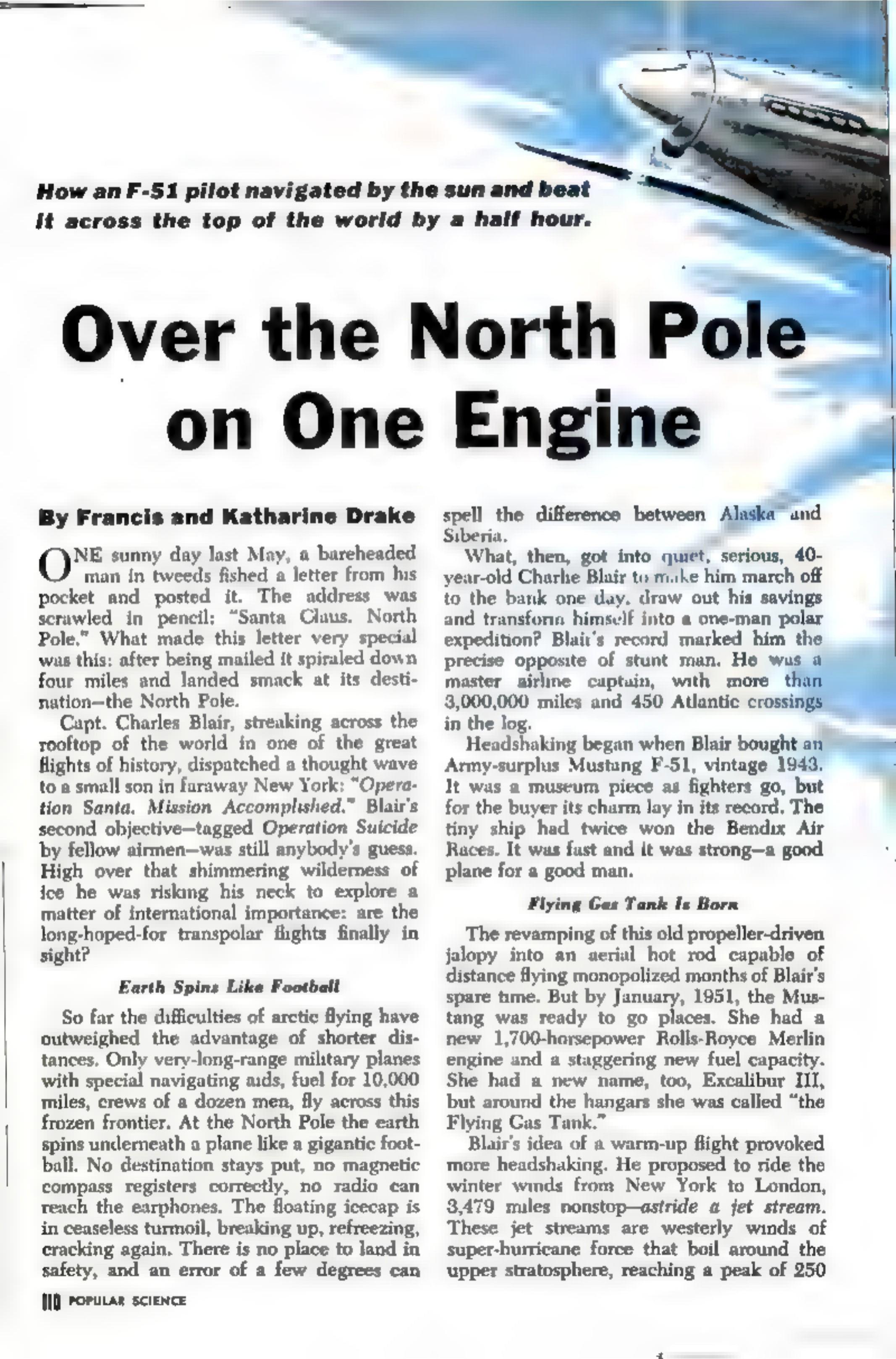
straps and flat shoulder and chest straps.

The harness distributes pressure evenly over the solid structures of shoulders and hips, the portions of the body best suited to carrying loads, thus providing better protection against crash injuries.

The experiments may help in the construction of escape pods, in determining the maximum speeds at which ejection seats can be operated safely and in setting endurance limits for the shock of parachute openings at high speeds.

END





How an F-51 pilot navigated by the sun and beat it across the top of the world by a half hour.

Over the North Pole on One Engine

By Francis and Katharine Drake

ONE sunny day last May, a bareheaded man in tweeds fished a letter from his pocket and posted it. The address was scrawled in pencil: "Santa Claus. North Pole." What made this letter very special was this: after being mailed it spiraled down four miles and landed smack at its destination—the North Pole.

Capt. Charles Blair, streaking across the rooftop of the world in one of the great flights of history, dispatched a thought wave to a small son in faraway New York: "*Operation Santa. Mission Accomplished.*" Blair's second objective—tagged *Operation Suicide* by fellow airmen—was still anybody's guess. High over that shimmering wilderness of ice he was risking his neck to explore a matter of international importance: are the long-hoped-for transpolar flights finally in sight?

Earth Spins Like Football

So far the difficulties of arctic flying have outweighed the advantage of shorter distances. Only very-long-range military planes with special navigating aids, fuel for 10,000 miles, crews of a dozen men, fly across this frozen frontier. At the North Pole the earth spins underneath a plane like a gigantic football. No destination stays put, no magnetic compass registers correctly, no radio can reach the earphones. The floating icecap is in ceaseless turmoil, breaking up, refreezing, cracking again. There is no place to land in safety, and an error of a few degrees can

spell the difference between Alaska and Siberia.

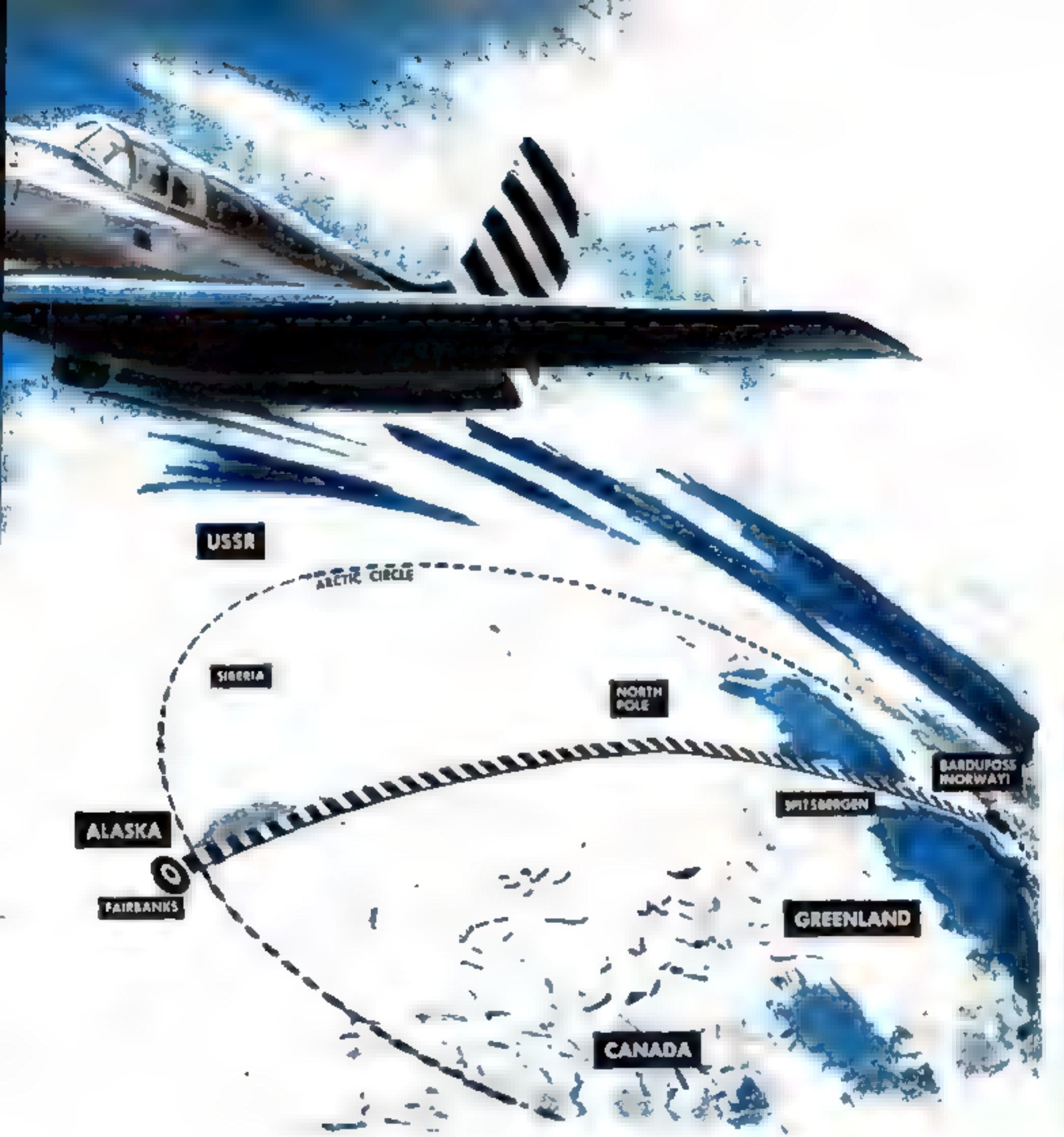
What, then, got into quiet, serious, 40-year-old Charlie Blair to make him march off to the bank one day, draw out his savings and transform himself into a one-man polar expedition? Blair's record marked him the precise opposite of stunt man. He was a master airline captain, with more than 3,000,000 miles and 450 Atlantic crossings in the log.

Headshaking began when Blair bought an Army-surplus Mustang F-51, vintage 1943. It was a museum piece as fighters go, but for the buyer its charm lay in its record. The tiny ship had twice won the Bendix Air Races. It was fast and it was strong—a good plane for a good man.

Flying Gas Tank Is Born

The revamping of this old propeller-driven jalopy into an aerial hot rod capable of distance flying monopolized months of Blair's spare time. But by January, 1951, the Mustang was ready to go places. She had a new 1,700-horsepower Rolls-Royce Merlin engine and a staggering new fuel capacity. She had a new name, too, Excalibur III, but around the hangars she was called "the Flying Gas Tank."

Blair's idea of a warm-up flight provoked more headshaking. He proposed to ride the winter winds from New York to London, 3,479 miles nonstop—astride a jet stream. These jet streams are westerly winds of super-hurricane force that boil around the upper stratosphere, reaching a peak of 250



miles an hour or more in winter. Given a wild winter's day, Blair thought, why not combine a shakedown cruise with an exploratory feeler into the speedways of tomorrow?

January 30 provided the right setup and Blair had three days' leave. With the wind barreling down the runways, a temperature near zero and two formidable storms across the route, he lifted Excalibur from Idlewild International Airport and disappeared into an overcast of snow and ice. Seven hours and 48 minutes later he set her down along-

side London's sooty chimney stacks. Man and machine between them had shattered every transatlantic speed mark in the book—their record still stands, jets notwithstanding.

Blair traveled faster than any distance flier in history, with an average speed of seven and a half miles per minute. Landing in London with ample fuel reserve convinced the pilot that he had licked Excalibur's distance handicap. There still remained that other obstacle—navigation over the polar icecap.

Today when airmen get together, Blair's

"prepackaged" navigation is still Topic A. It made aviation history and blueprinted a method by which passenger liners may soon be following his trail across the Pole. Using existing principles, he figured out a way of doing the complicated work beforehand and boiled down flight procedures to a simple routine.

Ready to "Read" the Sun

First he set a precise day, hour and minute for his take-off. Next, he plotted on a chart his roadway through the sky, a bee-line from Bardufoss, Norway, to Fairbanks, Alaska. He chopped it up into hours and established from navigational tables the angle that the sun would make to each of these time intersections at a specific minute. With a fixed take-off time, he could make the sun give him a route marker for almost every mile of the trip.

Getting a sun bearing, or angle, in flight is a simple operation, like looking down the peep sight of a rifle. Blair bought a sun compass, or angle measurer, for \$12 and mounted it in the cockpit. He also bought a bubble sextant to help him to determine whether or not the wind was drifting him off course. With these two instruments and a preplotted course, all he would have to do en route would be to read off sun angles and compare them with the corresponding readings on the chart. If they agreed, he was on course. If they did not agree, he would have to yank Excalibur's nose around until they did.

Arctic Gear: a Four-Leaf Clover

Blair selected May for his flight, a time when arctic weather is normally at its best. On May 29 the sun and moon would be almost at right angles at the Pole, a phenomenon which offered opportunity for a navigational double check. He chose Bardufoss, just inside the Arctic Circle, for his departure point. Almost invisible beside a small fjord, it is locked in by spectacular ravines and mountains. Blair landed there at noon on May 29, ceiling unlimited. His schedule called for a take-off at 1500 Greenwich Mean Time.

By 1430 GMT he had checked the plane with Lindbergh-like precision, had set his three watches and reshot the sun. In those remaining minutes, musgivings seized the airport personnel. The picture just refused to add up to a polar exploration—the bare-headed man in tweeds, that tiny plane,

daring to challenge the harshest wilderness on earth! Where were the deerskin parkas, the bearskin face rolls, the hareskin stockings cushioned in arctic grass and seal hide; where were the sledges, skis, pickaxes? All Blair had checked aboard was a four-leaf clover, a letter to Santa Claus and the first polar air mail—3,000 postcards to be auctioned off for the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund. *Those Americans!*

The airport clock clicked to 1458 GMT. Blair waved and closed the cockpit cover. 1459 GMT . . . *Zero!* The tires began to roll. It was the heaviest take-off in the history of that arctic hideaway. The only exit lay downwind over the bottom of a gorge, the sides of which towered 5,000 feet. Spectators held their breaths. Faster and faster turned the wheels, straining to outrun that tail wind. One hundred, 120, 130 miles per hour. The tail, glutted with gas, dragged like a meal sack. Out of the corner of one eye, Blair sensed the runway scorching by . . . a third . . . a half . . . The next few seconds would decide. Then, *hallelujah*, up came the tail . . . Now, a bump . . . another . . . and Excalibur was airborne in a photo finish with the ending runway.

A Human Calculating Machine

Blair adjusted his oxygen mask and set up the sun compass. From now on, this was his routine: every 10 minutes take bearing, check with packaged plan, adjust course as necessary to keep astride meridian 20. Every hour double check with sextant. For the rest, watch panel, watch fuel, nurse engine, check oil, check distance run, just keep on being a human calculating machine.

Below, the sea was like plate glass. Beneath its unlined face rotted a thousand unsung polar expeditions. How guileless can you look, Blair wondered, with such an infamous record? As if to answer him, the sea whipped up a mist; in a moment it thickened and climbed up almost to the fuselage.

Date With a Radio Signal

Blair swore a little. At Spitsbergen, the most northerly habitation in the world, he had a date with a radio signal—atmospherics permitting. He crossed his fingers and tried a running fix on Spitsbergen's main tower. Luck was with him. The signal, streaming in high and clear, indicated the island passing a little to the west, just where it should have been. *On course! On time!*



THE FLYING GAS TANK is what Idlewild hangar crews called the souped-up 1943 Army-surplus F-51 that Capt. Charles F. Blair flew over the Pole. It carried 865 gallons of fuel.

Blair's spirits soared. He switched off the radio. Next call Alaska!

Now he hoisted Excalibur to 22,000 feet, his thirstiest cruising altitude. For nearly an hour he flew on without any sense of progress. Time and distance seemed to count for nothing. He felt like an insect trapped between cloud and firmament. The midnight sun, blazing into the cockpit, made him swelter despite his summer underwear; he might be over Florida, with orange groves beneath the overcast.

Polar Icecap Below

As if to reassure him, the clouds thinned out abruptly. Soon a great, ragged hole appeared, and Blair caught his breath. Below him stretched a sight that men have dreamed about for centuries, but few have seen—the soulless, silver-plated panorama of the polar icecap. In awe, Blair stared down at the floating crust that helmeted the world, the legendary realm without a sunset or a dawn. From four miles up the ice-ocean looked solid as a continent, crisscrossed by "leads" of young ice. Across these treacherous leads, with sleds and huskies, over trackless gray-blue hummocks of old ice, had gone the trail blazers, hoping with every mile to find new land, but coming upon nothing but more ice floes.

Blair checked the panel, took his hourly sun sight. The chart indicated that he was passing near the area where, 25 years before, the first attempt to reach the Pole by



AFTER MAILING A LETTER TO SANTA for his son by dropping it on the North Pole, Captain Blair is welcomed home. He was the first to cross the Pole alone in a single-engine plane.

air had ended abruptly. Just about here, the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition had been forced down a scant 140 miles from the goal. Blair recalled Ellsworth's description of that landing on a frozen sea, "choked with a chaotic mass of floating ice—it was like trying to land in the Grand Canyon." It sent a shiver up his spine. Excalibur's landing speed was 145 miles per hour!

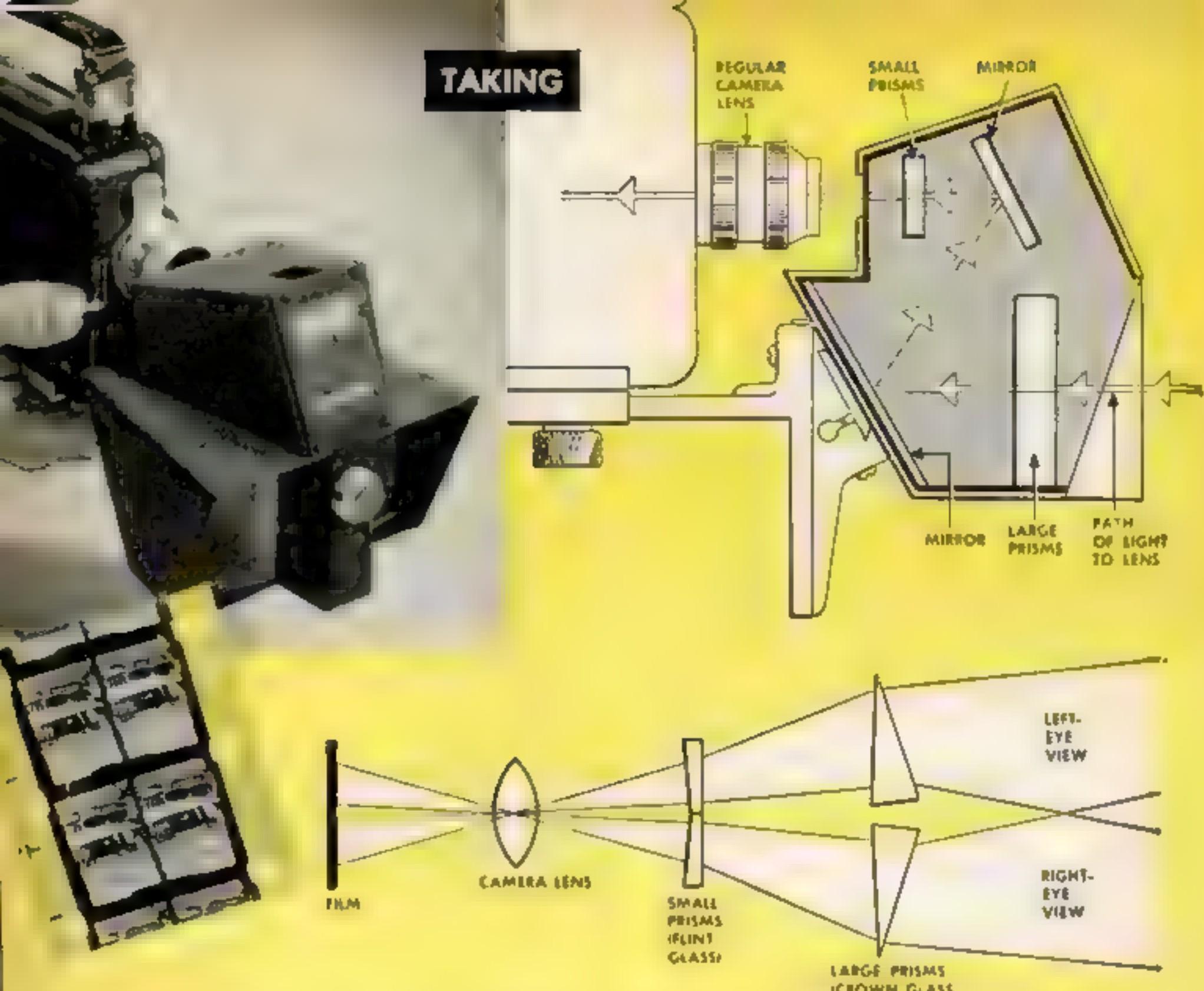
The Moon Was There

Blair was due to reach the Pole approximately five hours after his departure. Fifteen minutes before the appointed time, he began to worry. The moon should now be popping up above the starboard sky line. It would be one degree above the earth at the North Pole. He strained his eyes through the intensifying haze. No moon. Was it because the haze was hiding it or—was there a joker lurking in that package? Perhaps he had just been chasing the sun around in circles all this while. He resisted an almost overpowering urge to forget the chart and climb to profligate heights to find out if that moon was really there or not. But then he realized that the moon must be hidden by the mist.

Moon or no moon, Blair was now rapidly approaching latitude 90 degrees north—the Pole. This is the theoretical pinprick on the ice where compass points dissolve and every wind that blows is from the south. Blair fumbled in his pocket for his son's letter.

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TAKING



STEREO ATTACHMENT for any 16-mm. home-movie camera makes two pictures side by side on each frame of film (enlarged in inset). Lower diagram shows principle of op-

tical system; upper diagram, actual arrangement, made compact by adding a pair of mirrors to shorten rays' horizontal travel. View finder (omitted in diagrams) has own lens.

Third Dimension Added to Your Home Movies

WITH your own 16-mm. motion picture camera, you now can make lifelike three-dimensional home movies.

A new camera attachment produces stereo film both in black and white and in color. It makes two pictures corresponding to what your two eyes see side by side on each frame of regular 16-mm. movie film.

A companion accessory adapts your projector to show the film. Left-eye and right-eye views, differently polarized by light filters, are superimposed on the screen. When you wear polarizing spectacles, each

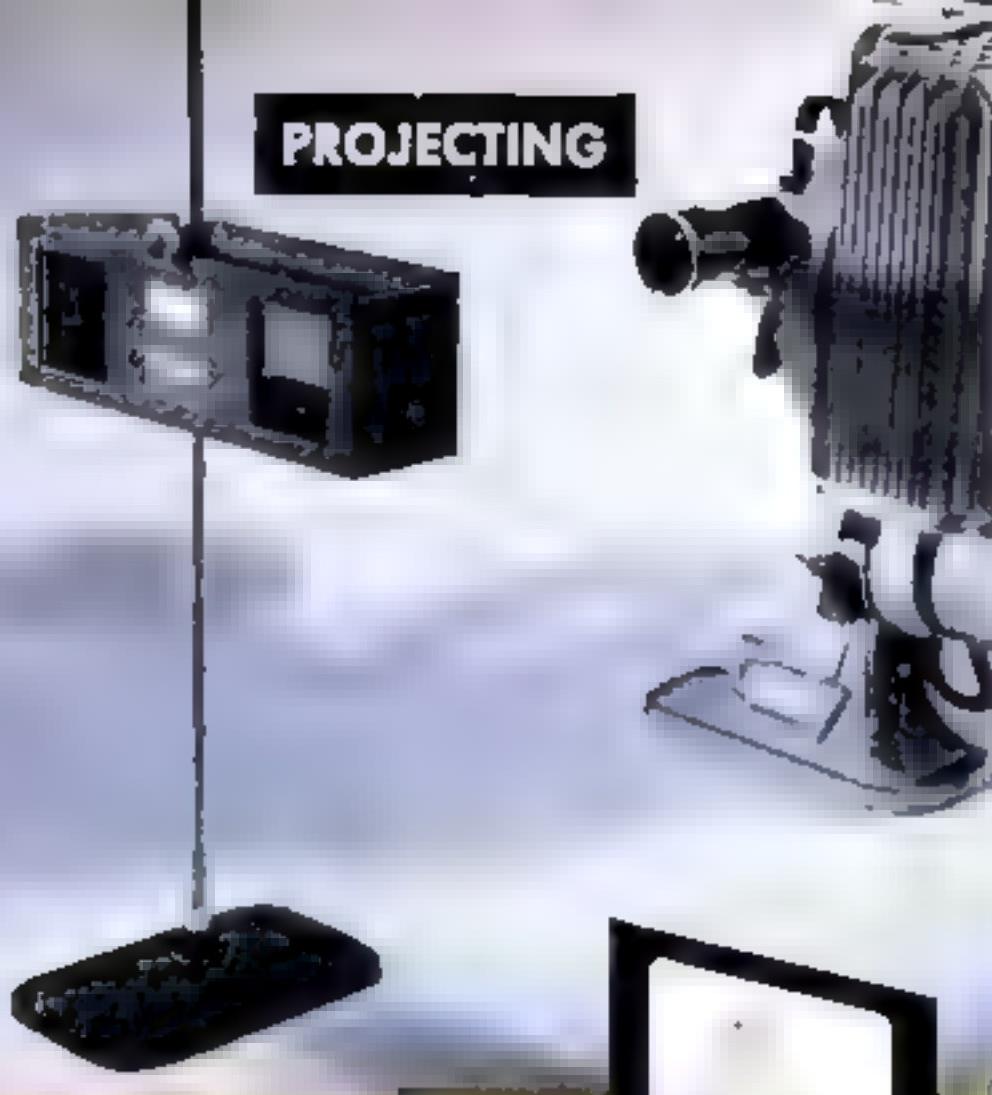
of your eyes sees only the single view meant for it.

The result is startling and thrilling. People and scenes look as real as if seen through a window rather than on a screen.

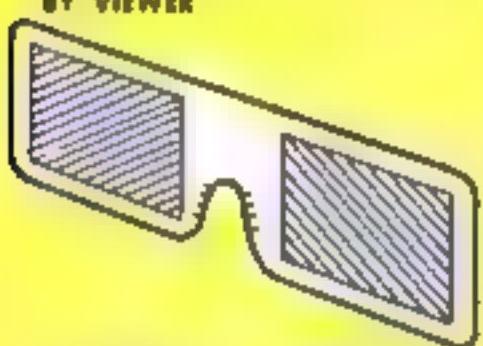
Outfit Simple to Use

Taking the pictures is simple. The only changes in technique are an increase in exposure of about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a stop, and use of the attachment's own view finder. Exposed film is processed exactly as usual. All that is tricky is done by the accessories themselves, in-

PROJECTING



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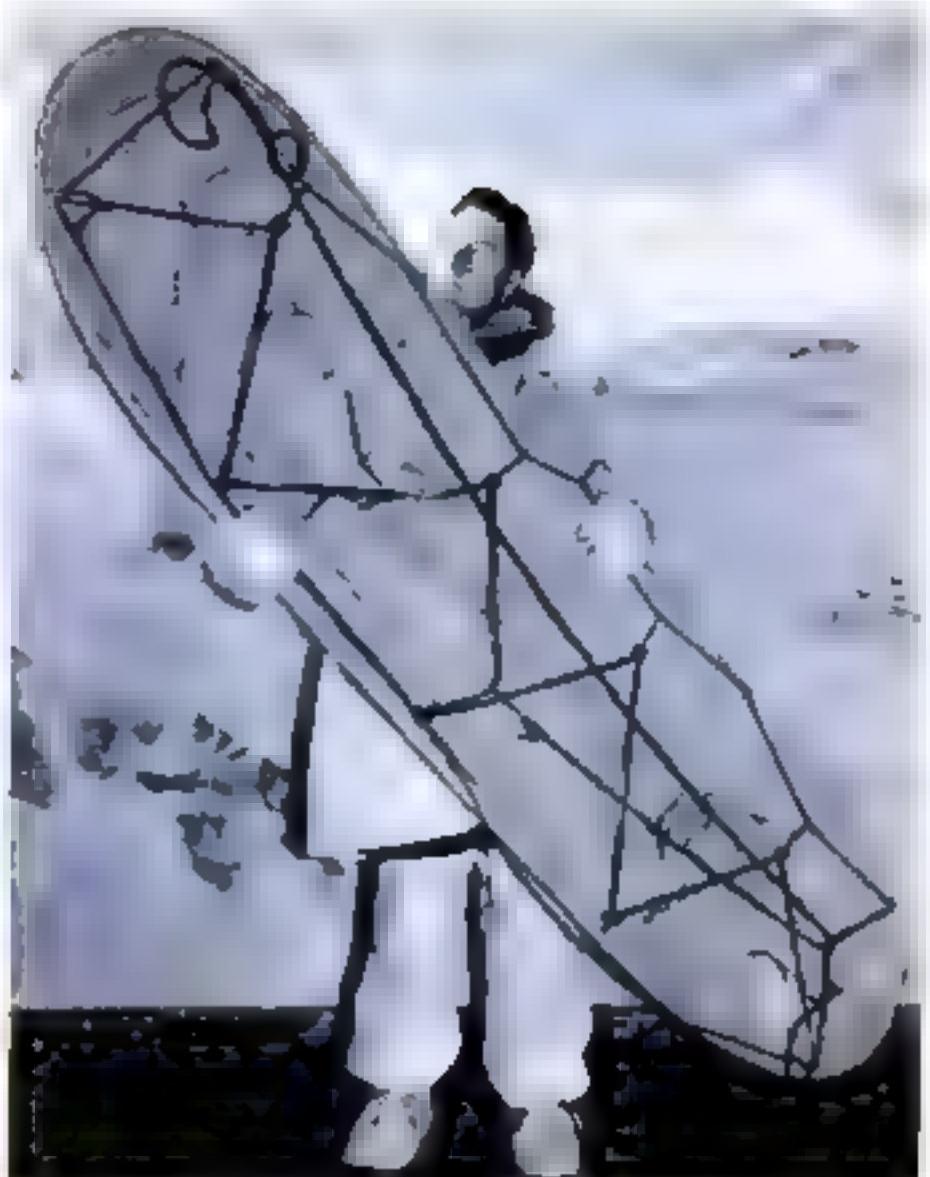
SPECIAL
SCREEN
GIVES VERTI-
CAL PICTURE

ADAPTER FOR PROJECTOR, acting like camera attachment in reverse, superimposes each pair of views on screen. It substitutes mirror system for prisms, contains polarizing windows. Polarizing spectacles, worn by all watching film, unscramble views.

roduced by the Nord Co., Minneapolis.

The camera attachment forms pairs of images by means of refracting prisms and auxiliary mirrors. (See diagrams.) A simpler all-mirror optical system, although found impracticable for taking, serves well for projecting. The beam of the projector strikes the point of a V formed by two mirrors in the projector adapter. Half of the beam is reflected to each side, then forward by another inclined mirror, and through a polarizing filter to the screen.

A special screen fits the resulting vertical picture, and its black border eliminates unwanted "ghost" images. A complete outfit, costing less than \$100, includes camera attachment, projector adapter, 24- by 30-inch screen, and Polaroid viewing spectacles. These items also are available separately.



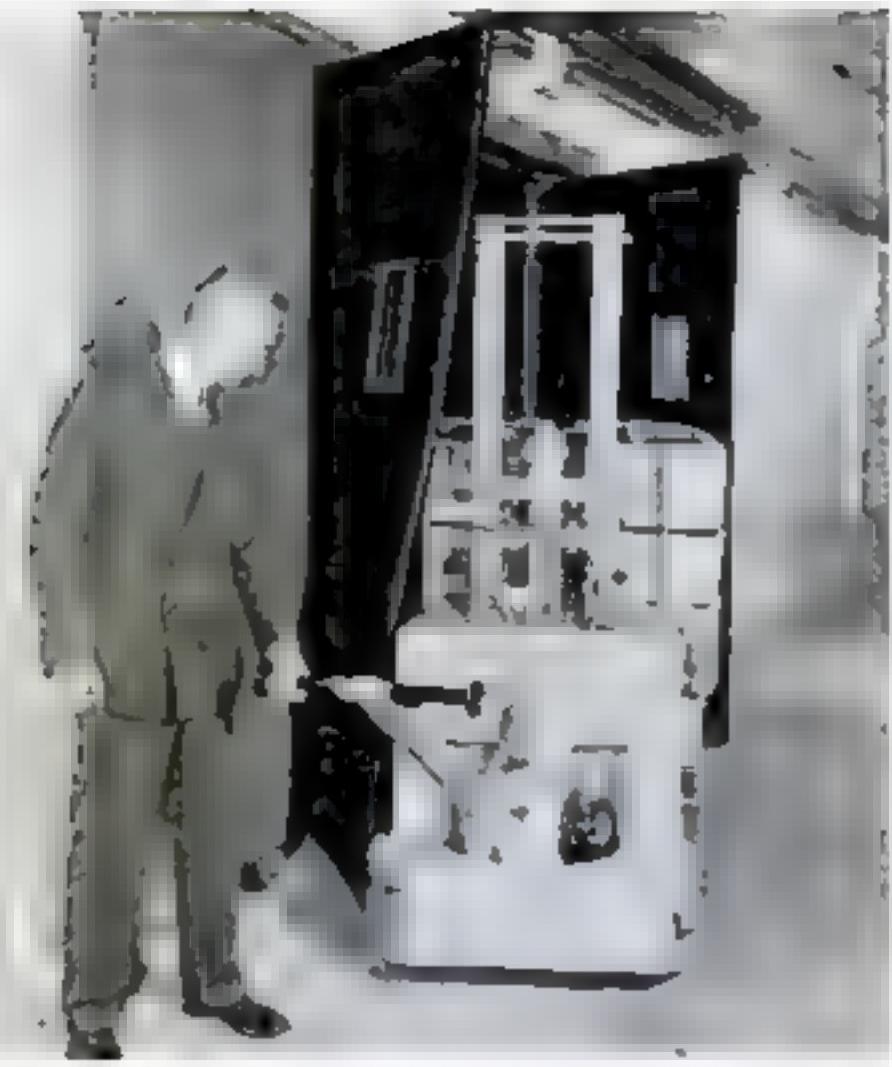
Glass Sleds to Ride Arctic Snow

TROOPS in the Arctic are being outfitted with sleds molded of glass fiber impregnated with plastic. The one shown above is seven feet long, weighs 36 pounds and hauls supply loads of 200 pounds. A cotton-duck cover adapts it for carrying an injured man. A similar four-foot sled will carry 100 pounds of rations, medical supplies, small arms and ammunition. One or two men pull the loaded sleds.

Blood Pump Speeds Transfusion

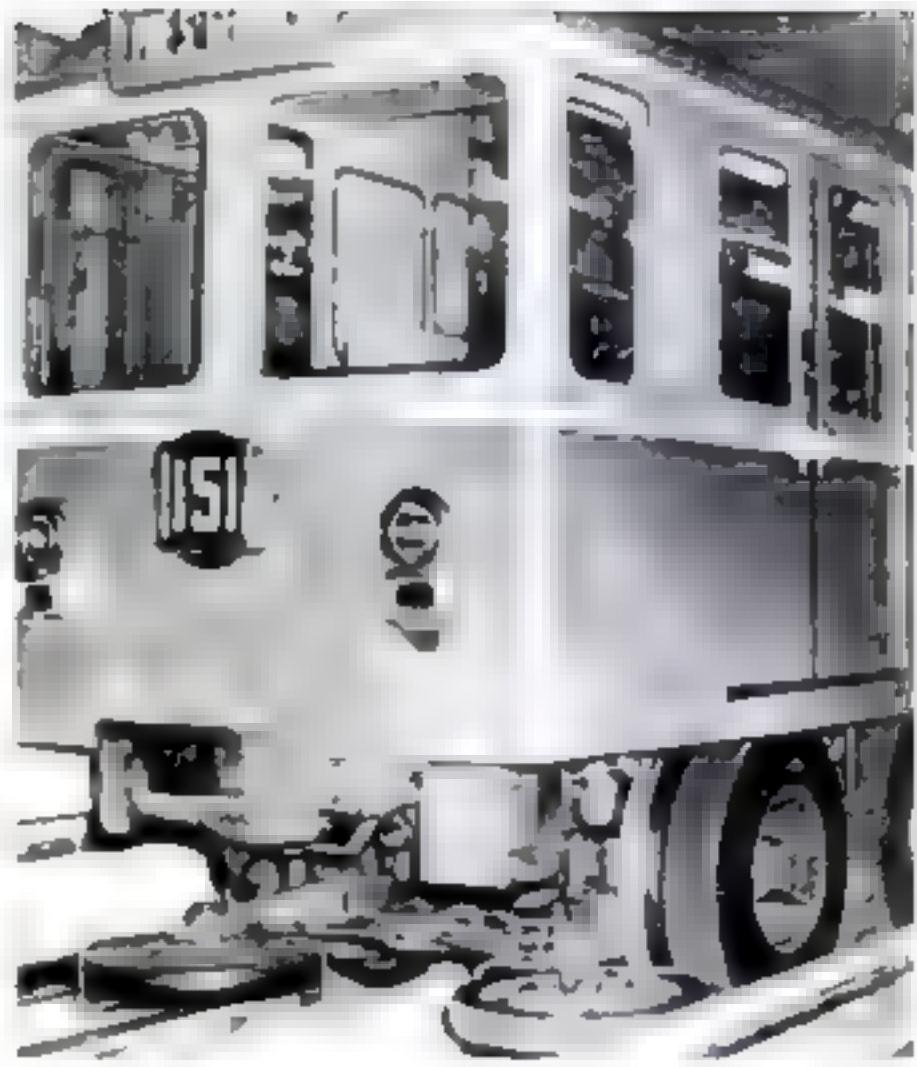
A TRANSFUSION of a pint of blood can be completed in only a minute and a half, using the new pump below. Letting the same amount of blood drip by gravity to a patient takes 40 minutes. Medical men call the new method safer as well as speedier because it reduces the risk of introducing dangerous air bubbles into the blood stream. Jan Petri of the American Optical Co. developed the blood pump.





Rubber Door Swings, Bends

WALK into the swinging door shown above and you won't get a black eye. Made of flexible rubber, it has built-in air compartments which are inflated by a hand pump. It is designed for warehouses and factories where power trucks often damage wooden doors. This one swings open at a touch, can bend to a 45-degree angle. Stic-Klip Co., Cambridge, Mass., makes it.



Subway Cars Get Rubber Tires

TO REDUCE noise and increase the comfort of riders, subway trains in Paris are being equipped with conventional truck tires that run on wooden runways. If experiments are successful, permanent concrete "tracks" will be installed. The tires shown in a horizontal position on the front of the car press against vertical tracks to guide the regular wheels.



Turboprops to Fly Tourists

THE Bristol 175 is Britain's bid for air travelers at tourist rates. It is a four-engined, turboprop transport designed for

low-cost operation. The method of arranging seats allows accommodations for 50 passengers on long-distance oceanic trips or 100 passengers on shorter runs.



METHOD X IN ACTION. Tankful of kerosene bubbles and sputters as electric sparks bore a hole through a disk of super-hard tungsten carbide, submerged in the liquid, to make a blanking die (inset at left).

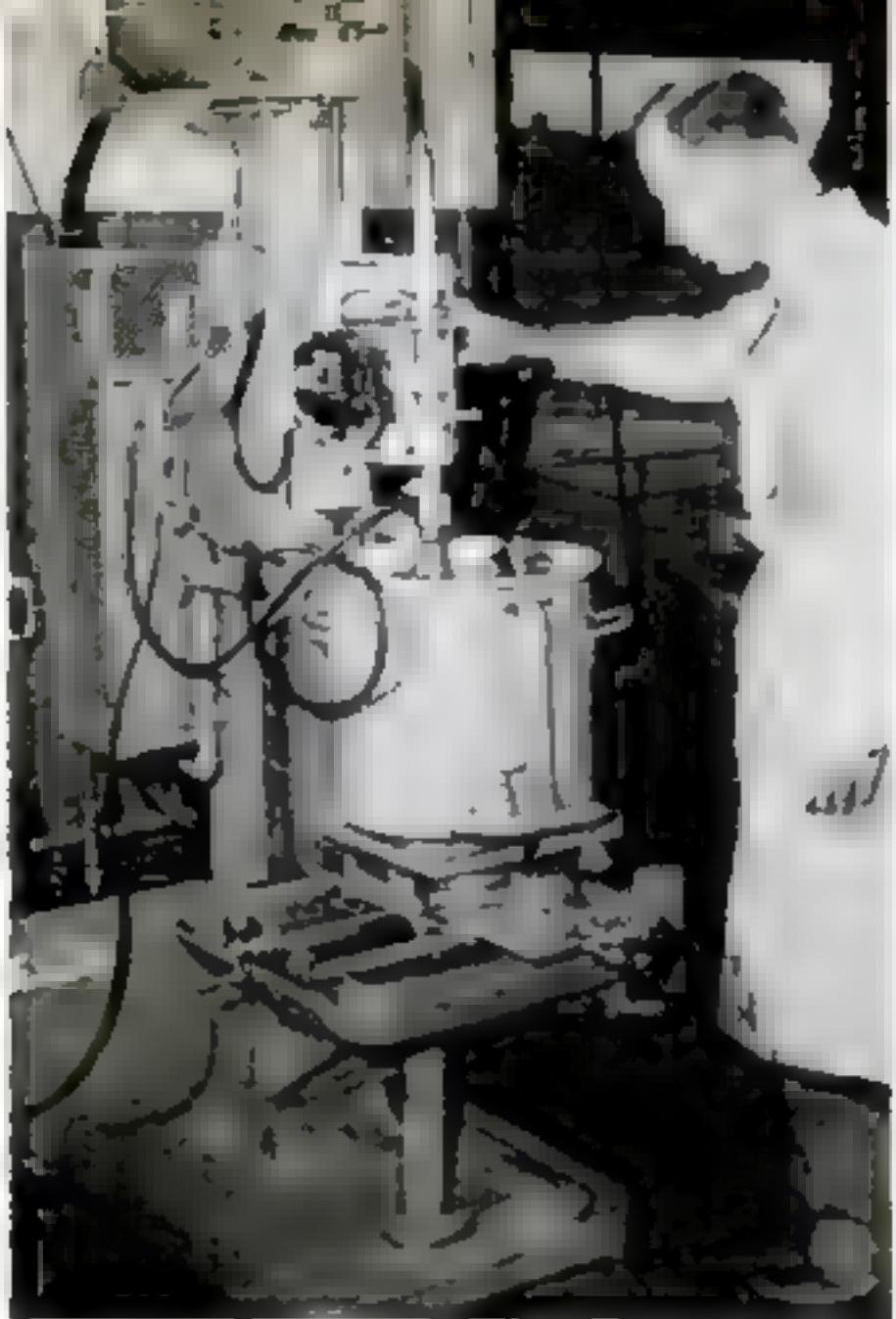
Electric Sparks Carve World's Hardest Metals

Method X quickly machines alloys that are slow work even for diamond tools.

By Alden P. Armagnac

SPARKS of electricity now cut slots, bore holes and carve intricate designs out of the hardest of metals. Some of the jobs that the sparks perform could be done, before, only by diamonds. Others were just impossible.

This new spark process, called Method X, is expected to replace present costly and laborious methods of shaping tungsten carbide, the dark gray alloy that is one of the hardest materials known. Thus dies can be made of it, to turn out by the millions such things as razor blades and laminations for electric motors. Outlasting all others, a



MACHINE THAT APPLIES Method X looks like a drill press and has ingenious automatic drive. Inventor E. E. Teubner is pictured with it. Succeeding views illustrate how it works.

tungsten carbide die may produce as many as 10,000,000 pieces before it wears out.

And Method X will shape other materials that have been machinists' nightmares—Stellite, Vitalium, S-816, tantalum carbide, titanium carbide and such promising new metals as pure zirconium, titanium, vanadium, molybdenum and tungsten. One experimental application is in shaping blades of heat-resisting tantalum carbide for the turbines of jet aircraft.

Machine Resembles Drill Press

You see no fireworks when you visit the Pittsburgh plant where Method X is applied. Instead, you find businesslike machines resembling drill presses. They are considered the most revolutionary metalworking invention since the introduction of the lathe.

One of them is boring a hole in a disk of tungsten carbide, and you are invited by Edmund E. Teubner, 36-year-old inventor of Method X, to watch it in action.

A brass electrode dips into an eight-gallon tank of kerosene, where the disk is clamped beneath the liquid. There is no visible spark or glow. But it looks and sounds as if the kerosene were boiling.

Its surface ripples and bubbles. Wisps



1 BRASS ELECTRODE is negative terminal of electric circuit. It is seen above disk of tungsten carbide, clamped in the tank, which has been made positive terminal of circuit.

of white vapor ascend. Voices must be raised to be heard above a sputtering noise like that of a pot boiling violently on a stove. gingerly following Teubner's example, you put your finger in the liquid—and find it is only lukewarm. Here is what is happening:

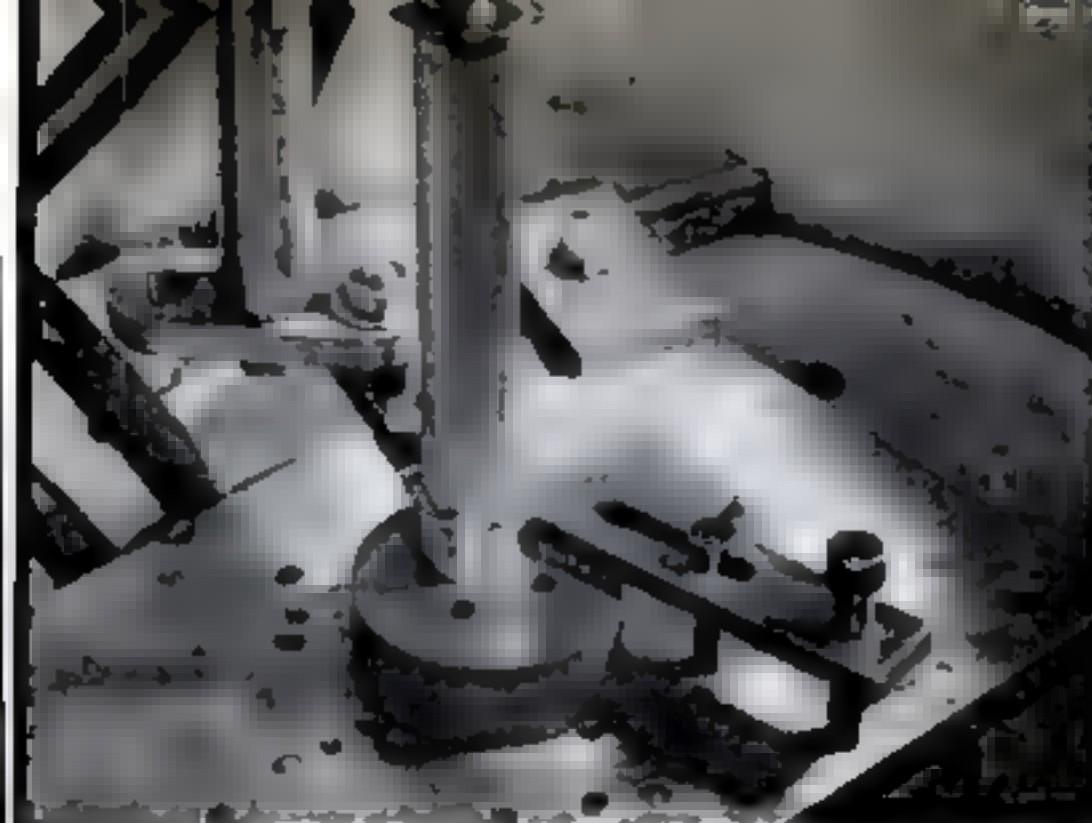
The tungsten disk is the positive terminal and the brass electrode the negative terminal of an electric circuit. A motor drive keeps the electrode almost, but not quite, touching the work. Intermittently a condenser discharges and tiny sparks leap the gap, breaking down the thin insulating barrier of kerosene. Lasting a few millionths of a second, each spark produces an enormous mechanical stress near the surface of the tungsten carbide.

Sparks Produce Craters

A microscopic particle of tungsten carbide flies off, leaving a crater. As successive sparks dance over the surface, the resulting craters merge to form a hole. The advancing brass electrode enters the material and goes right on through it.

Return a few hours later, and you find the job completed. A worker drains the kerosene, extracts the disk, and hands it to you. The newly formed hole is smooth and true. Making it has taken just three hours. By diamond grinding, the only other possible method, the job would have required at least a week.

When the electrode simply descends vertically, as in this case, it makes a hole with a cross section like its own. Ring-shaped and gear-shaped recesses can be cut similarly by electrodes of corresponding shape.



2 ELECTRODE ADVANCES through encircling guide and toward surface of disk. Under kerosene, which now is added, it approaches close enough for sparks to jump gap to disk.

To make more complicated cuts, the worktable may be traversed lengthwise, sideways and vertically during the cutting. The electrode also may be rotated. A tungsten carbide piece has been pierced with a hole circular at one end, but gradually changing to oblong at the other. Another sample has a hole with screw threads; the electrode was a rotating, advancing brass screw. No other method could have produced some of these tricky carvings in super alloys.

Does Not Burn Metal

An alternate name for Method X is "spark machining." It should not be confused, its sponsors emphasize, with attempts to machine hard metals by the thermal action of an electric arc. It does not melt or burn metal away.

Electricity from a shop's regular 220-volt line is converted to direct current of a modest 100 to 150 volts and no more than 10 to 15 amperes—hardly enough to form an arc at all, in the usual sense. And the principal purpose of the liquid bath—which may be kerosene, fuel oil or a special compound called Dielectro X—is to prevent an arc from forming.

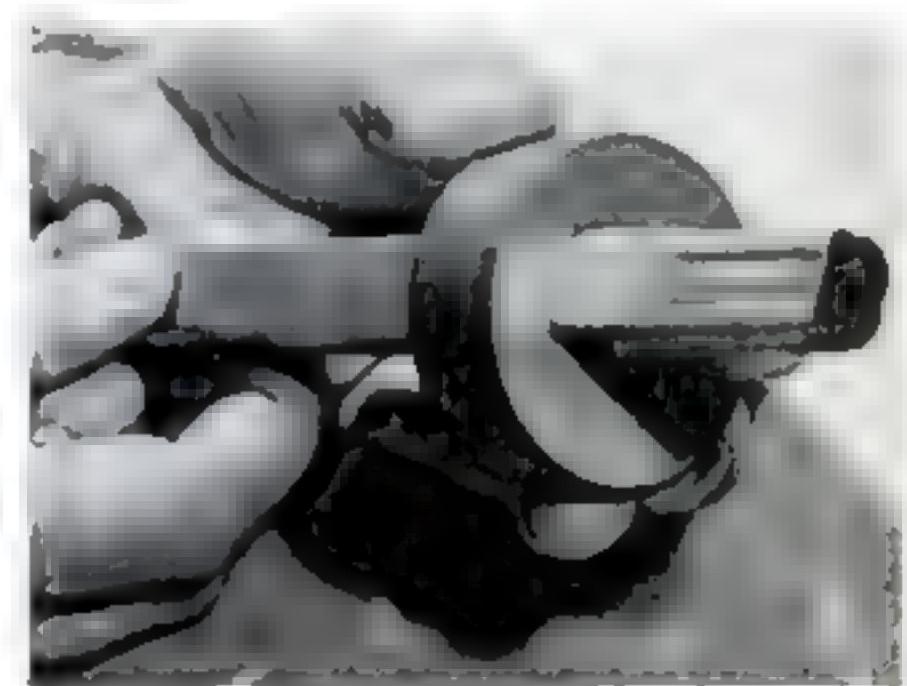
"Spark Erosion" Does the Job

Just how, then, do the sparks tear apart the toughest of metals? Dr. E. M. Williams of Carnegie Tech, who has made a study of Method X and arrived at what he believes is its first satisfactory scientific explanation, ascribes the results to "spark erosion."

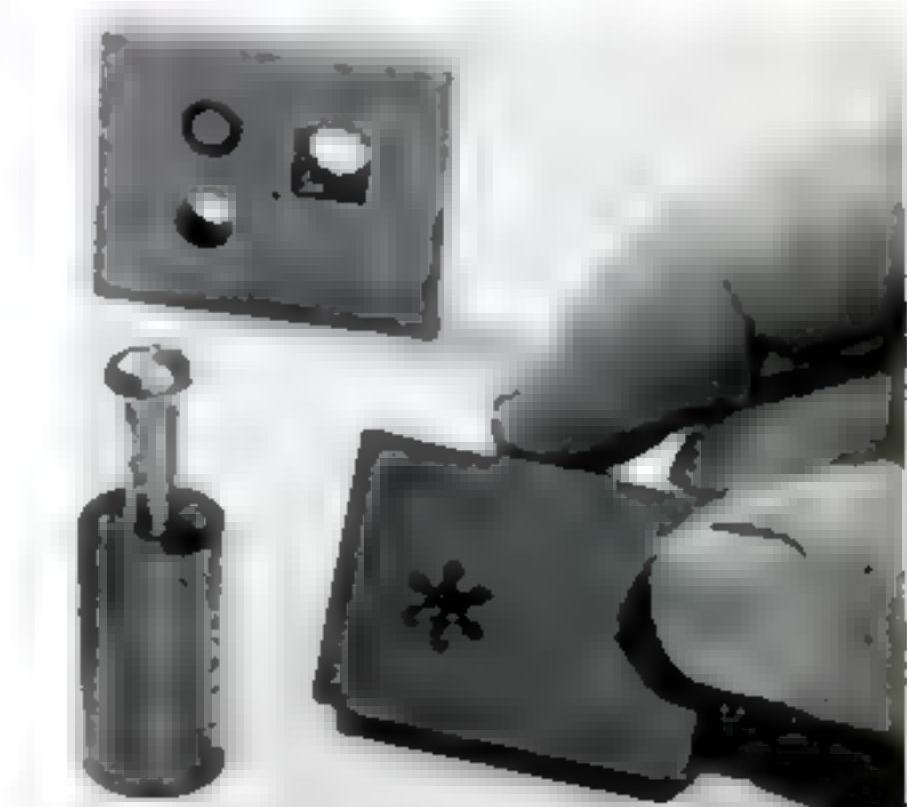
The atoms of an electrical conductor such as tungsten carbide contain two kinds of particles: negatively charged "free" elec-



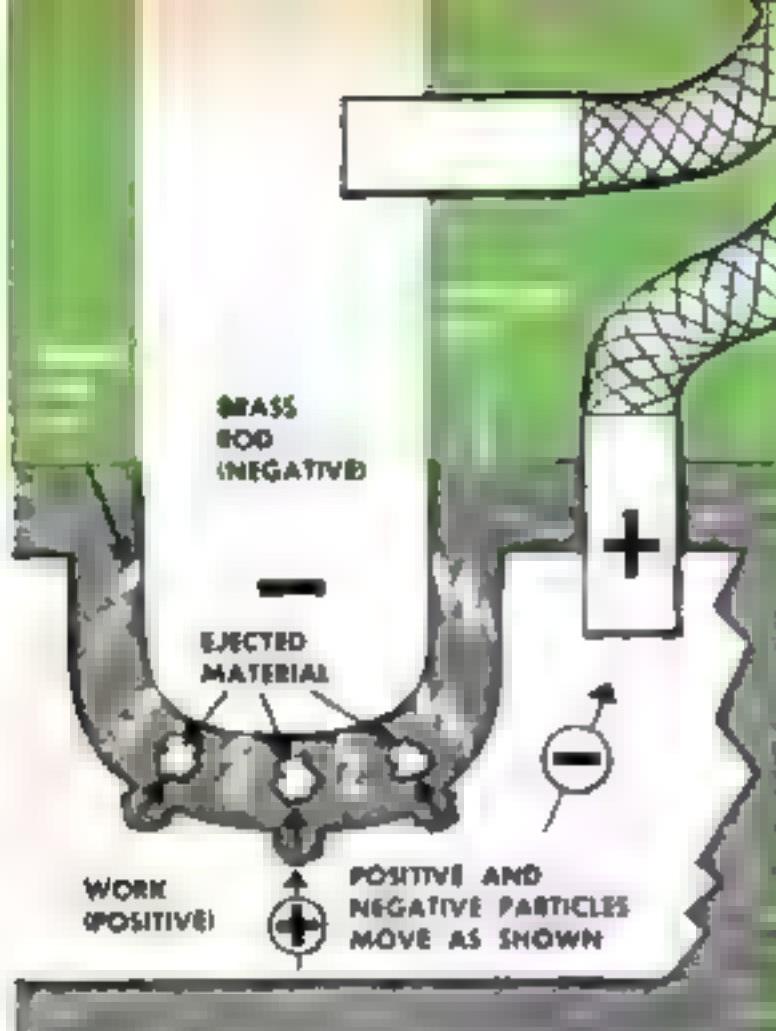
3 KEROSENE prevents an arc from forming as sparks bore hole. There is no visible glow. It takes three hours to pierce the disk, a job that would need a week of diamond grinding.



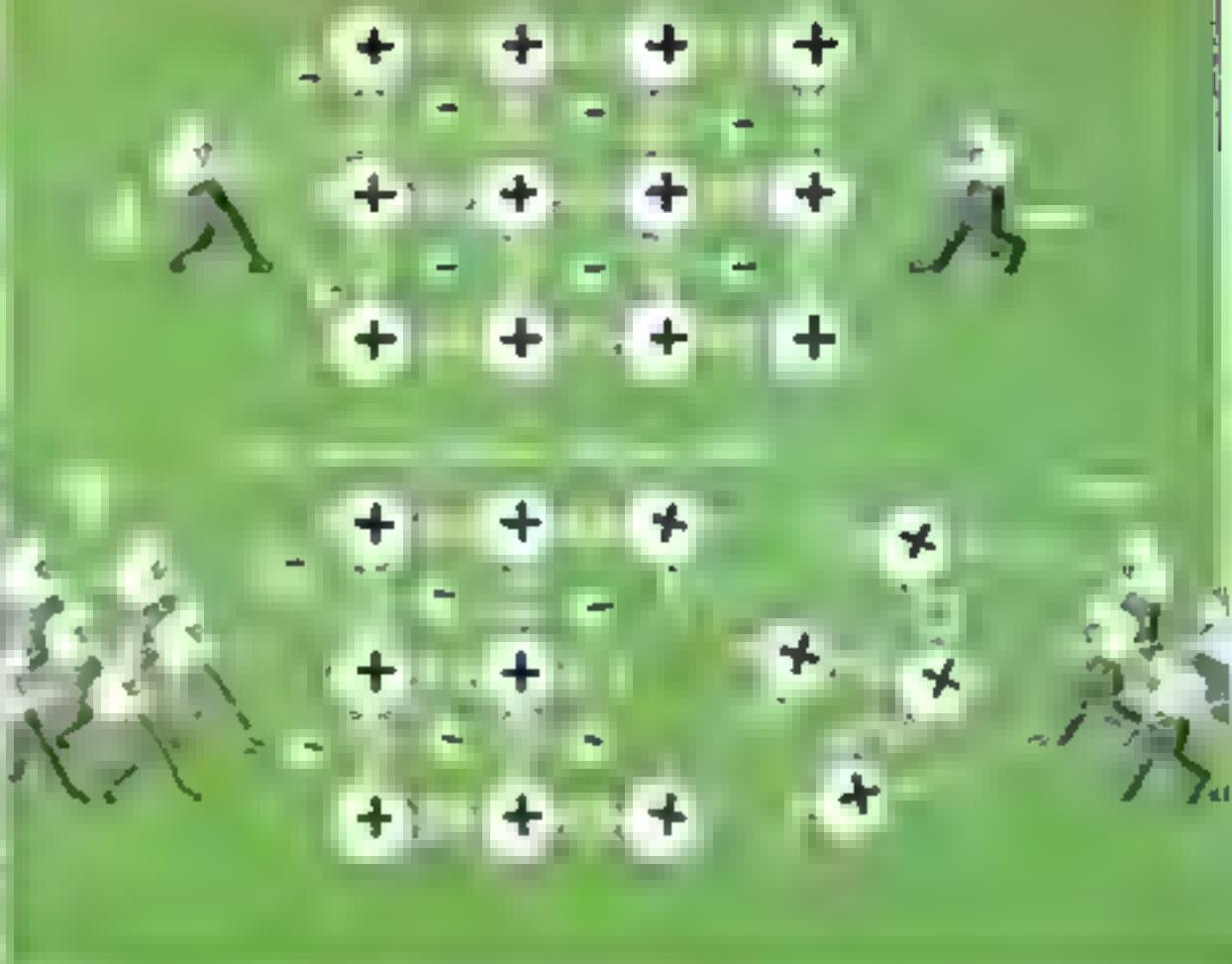
4 RESULT IS SMOOTH HOLE of same outline as electrode, which slides through with snug fit shown. Electrodes with various outlines make holes of any desired size and shape.



5 VARYING SHAPE of electrode and way of applying it produced pinion-shaped and ring-shaped recesses as well as a threaded machine-screw hole in these pieces.



SECRET OF METHOD X is spark erosion, which tears bits of metal away from work. Here's why: Voltage applied across any conductor creates electrostatic force that makes negatively charged particles (free electrons) in alloy move to positive pole—result in ordinary



electrons, and positive ions, the remaining portions. Applying a voltage to a conductor sets up an electric field, whose force drives the free electrons toward the positive pole. Likewise the positive ions tend to move toward the negative pole—but usually cannot, because the tensile strength of the material restrains them.

But when a spark jumps to a conductor's surface, it gives an enormous "current density" in a pin-point area. So strong is the resulting electric field that it acts on the positive ions with a pull of hundreds of thousands of pounds to the square inch. That is enough to break their bonds and start them going places. So these tangible bits of matter fly off the work piece with explosive violence, in the form of tungsten carbide particles measuring up to $1/10$ of a millimeter or $1/250$ inch in size. Some are hurled clear through the kerosene and into the air and have been found in oil droplets spattered from the tank.

Etching Needles Sparked Idea

Such erudite matters as ions' behavior were far from Teubner's mind when as a tool and die maker, some years ago, he wrestled with the problem of making cheaper slide fasteners for clothing. A long-wearing die of a super-hard material like tungsten carbide was needed—but no existing machine could cut this material into

current. Same force tries to pull rest of atom, which is positively charged, to negative pole. Alloy's tensile strength usually prevents this (upper right). Spark, however, creates electrostatic force strong enough to yank some of the positive particles free (lower right).

the intricate shape that would be required.

His first idea was suggested by electric etching needles, which will write your name on metal tools made of alloys as hard as tungsten carbide.

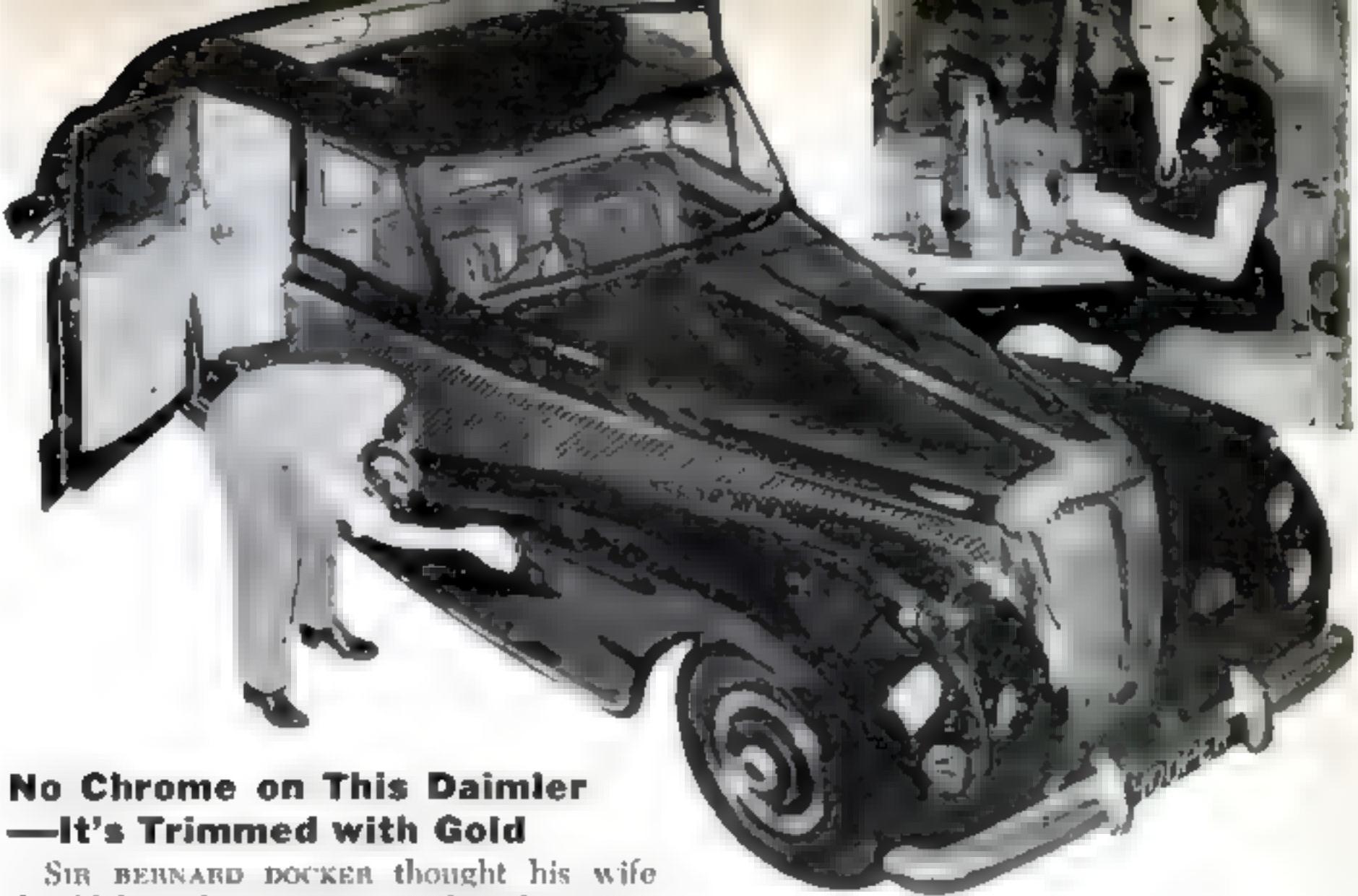
With a crude experimental rig, he tried firing sparks at hard metals in the open air. The only result was pitted craters, like those formed by destructive sparking in electric switches and auto distributor points. Sparks jumped erratically and undependably. Heat fused and distorted the metal. A film of oxide quickly coated the work, and the cutting stopped.

Coolant Solves the Problem

So Teubner dreamed up another scheme. As a machinist's mate in the Navy, he had used machine tools that sprayed a cooling fluid on the metal being worked, keeping it from overheating. That suggested immersing his experimental spark gap in a coolant.

He submerged his electrode and work in a potful of kerosene, a nonconductor of electricity that would not short-circuit the current. And now a new sound came from the spark. Instead of the desultory pistol-sharp cracks that were heard when it leaped an air gap, a steady sputtering came from beneath the liquid. When Teubner took out the piece of tough tungsten carbide, he found a hole drilled straight through it by the spark.

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No Chrome on This Daimler —It's Trimmed with Gold

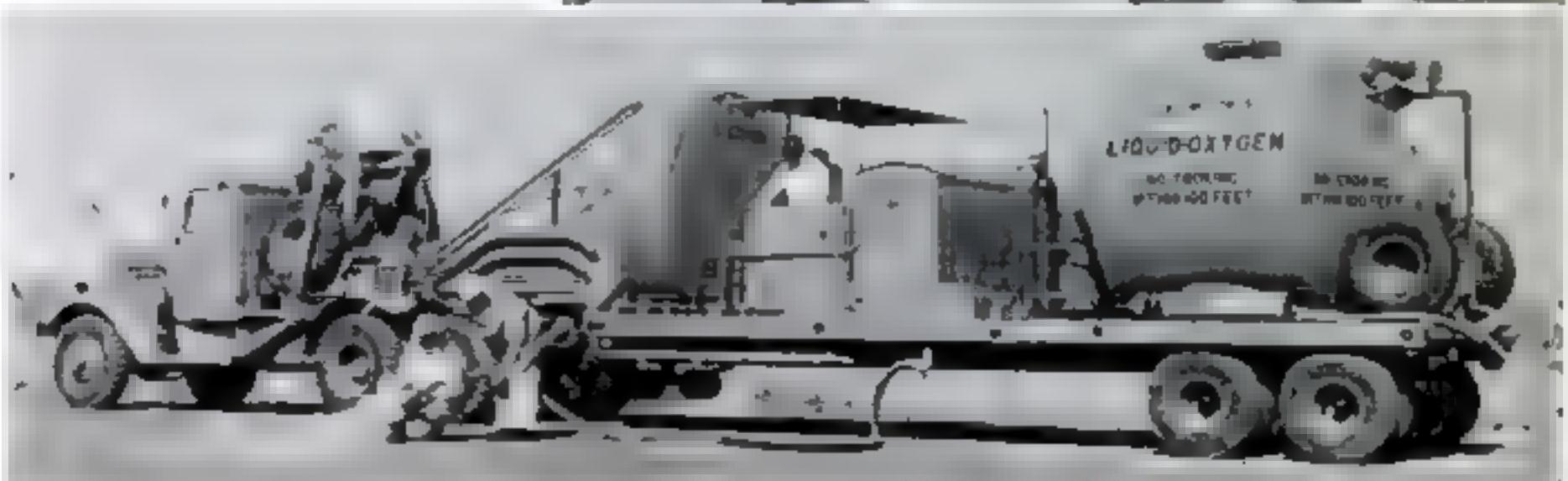
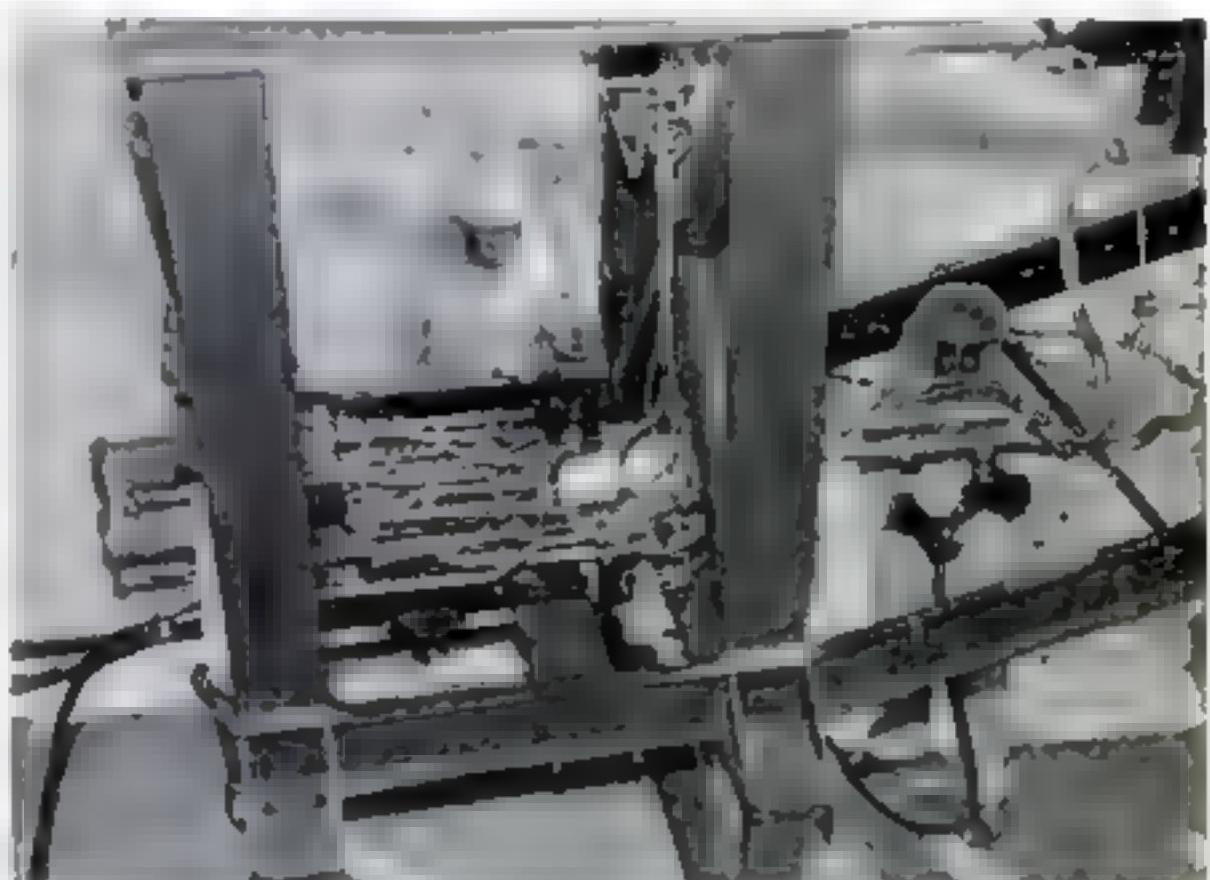
SIR BERNARD DOCKER thought his wife should have her own car. What she got is shown above: the largest, most expensive (\$42,000) Daimler ever built. Among its little extras are 18-carat gold plate on all metal trim, inside and out; crocodile-leather

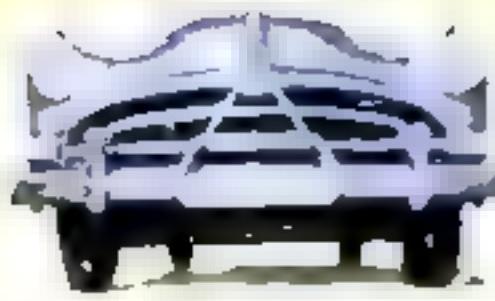
luggage for the "boot"; a make-up case and a crystal cocktail set that fit on a built-in folding table (inset). P.S. Sir Bernard is head of the Daimler Co.

Giant Thermos Bottle Fuels Rocket Engines

This mobile rig supplies highly explosive fuels to rocket engines at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. A water-alcohol mix is carried in the forward tank. The foot-thick double walls of the rear tank hold "lox"—liquid oxygen—under pressure.

At right, men in protective clothing fuel up for a test of a Reaction Motors engine like those used in Republic XF-91s.





New Hudson Hornet: Low, Fast and Tough

**Winner of more stock-car races than any other U. S. car,
the Hudson corners fast and sticks to the road like glue.**

By Wilbur Shaw

ONE day last winter a chap named Marshall Teague sauntered into the Hudson Motor Car Co. in Detroit and asked, "Do you fellows realize that you've got one of the hottest things on wheels?"

I'd like to testify here and now to his estimate. I've just driven the '52 Hudson.

Teague knew. He had just come up from Florida where his Hudson had paced the field in a stock-car race. Hudsons have been winning races with monotonous regularity ever since, setting more stock-car speed records in the last year than any other U. S. car.

The real secret of Hudson's track per-

formance is its cornering qualities—plus acceleration. It can take turns at higher speeds than other stock cars. That's because it has a lower center of gravity.

I had that in mind as I rolled a spanking-new four-door sedan with a Hydra-Matic transmission out on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Here's the start of my comments on my recording machine:

Hudson Hugs the Road

Regardless of price class, this is one of America's fine cars . . . and for my money, it's the most beautiful . . . Eventually, all automobile manufacturers will have to adopt Hudson's recessed-floor idea . . . with highway speeds going up, a lower center of gravity is a must for safety . . .

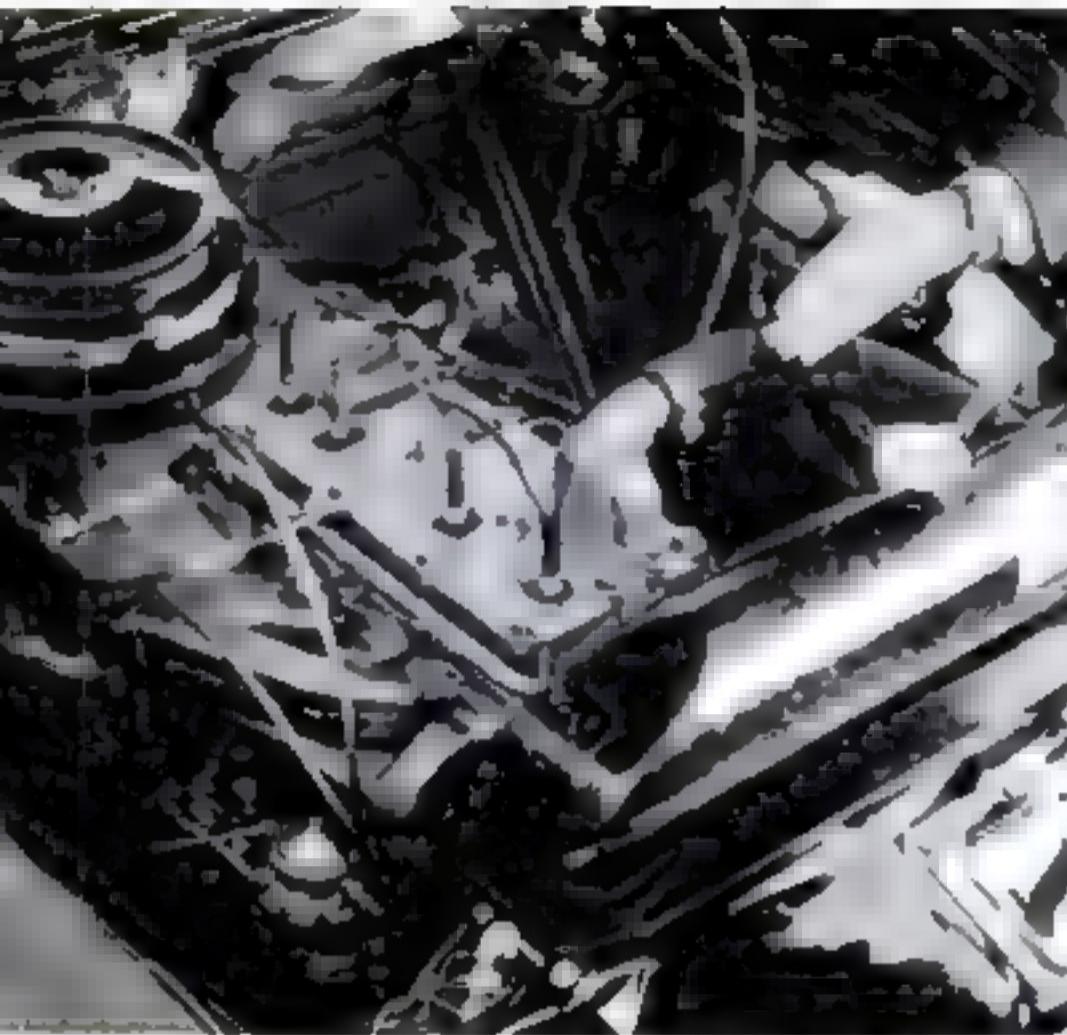
The car felt good. I recalled the Hudson that a train had struck at a grade crossing

REPORT FROM THE



DRIVER'S SEAT . . .





Block of the Hudson six is big— $28\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and $8\frac{1}{2}$ wide. The hard casting lets Hudson omit valve seat inserts. Intake valves are more than two inches in diameter.

near Pittsburgh and carried 500 feet down the track. Damage: one bashed door and two blown tires. No one was scratched. That's because in the Hudson a girder-like frame completely encloses the passengers.

She gets away right now . . . this car has a higher ratio of power to weight than any other six-passenger car made in this country except one . . . but she does seem stiff . . .

I glanced at the mileage. No wonder—the car had gone a bare eight miles.



The photographer caught me here doing 90 on the Speedway. That "chrome" on the Hornet on the facing page actually is stainless steel—defense use makes chrome scarce.

The ride is soft without being mushy . . . there's no pitch on sudden acceleration and very little in fast braking . . . there's 60 on the speedometer . . . 70 . . . now 80.

I went into a turn as the needle hit 85.

This is what I mean by stability . . . due to its low center of gravity . . . it simply refuses to lose its footing on a hard turn.

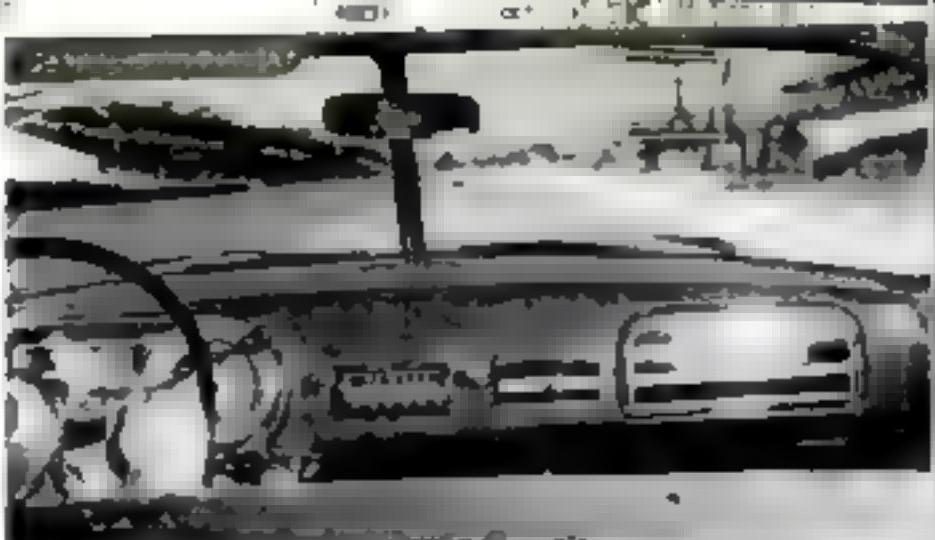
I eased off on the accelerator as I touched an indicated 90. That appeared, for the present, to be about tops. It takes several



I'm having a cup of Java on the 16-inch-wide center armrest which folds down from back of rear seat. For '52, Hudson's Super Six has been replaced by Wasp series.



That cut out in the doors provides two more inches of elbow room on each side. The ash trays are in these recesses—a good place for them, too. The trim knocks your eye out.



Visibility is superb. Hudson has, however, put an excess of polished reflecting surfaces on the panel, nullifying in part the advantage of the dull-finished windshield sill.

thousand miles of driving to break in a Hudson. That's because of the close fit built into the pistons and cylinder walls.

How many people know that the manufacturer of this car sets the piston clearance at only a half to one and a half thousandths of an inch? That is possible because the piston wall is solid—it has no split skirt—and the block, made of chrome-nickel alloy, is extra rigid.

Close Tolerances Save Money

That close tolerance puts a profit in the Hudson owner's pocket. If you put new rings in this car under 100,000 miles, you're wasting your money.

An experimental version of this same L-head engine, by the way, has been boosted to a 9:1 compression ratio. Hudson just wanted to show it could be done.

This automobile delights me . . . there's no wind-wander. Some potential customers might say the interior is too flossed-up . . . but me, I like it . . .

There's a nonreflective surface on the dash panel behind the windshield to reduce glare

The seeming absence of a center post on the four-door sedan is a neat design trick exclusively Hudson's. Doors meet over post. Car has good ground clearance—8½ inches.



The "step-down" floor is 3½ inches below the door. Changes this year are minor. They include "bump strips" on sides and almost 90 square inches more rear-window area.

. . . but I'd say the stylists got out of hand on the instrumentation . . . to get—what's the word?—symmetry . . . the speedometer and clock are the same size . . . I find this confusing

I wanted to see what this job would do on pickup. That's actually the second part of the secret of its performance in stock-car races. The racing boys use standard gearshifts, of course. I didn't expect too much

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FACTS ON THE '52 HUDDSON

Model: Hornet four-door sedan

Engine: 6-cyl. L-head; 143 hp. at 3,600 r.p.m.; car weight per hp., 24.8 lb.; bore and stroke, 3 13/16" by 4 5/8"; compression ratio, 7.2:1; piston displacement, 308 cu. in.

Engine piston travel: (in feet per car mile at 20 m.p.h.) 1,957.

Crankshaft bearing surface: 48.6 sq. in.

Torque: 257 lb.-ft. at 1,800 r.p.m.

Transmission: 4-speed Hydra-Matic.

Rear-axle ratio: 3.58:1.

Steering ratio: 20.4:1.

Radius of turning circle: 20' 9 1/2".

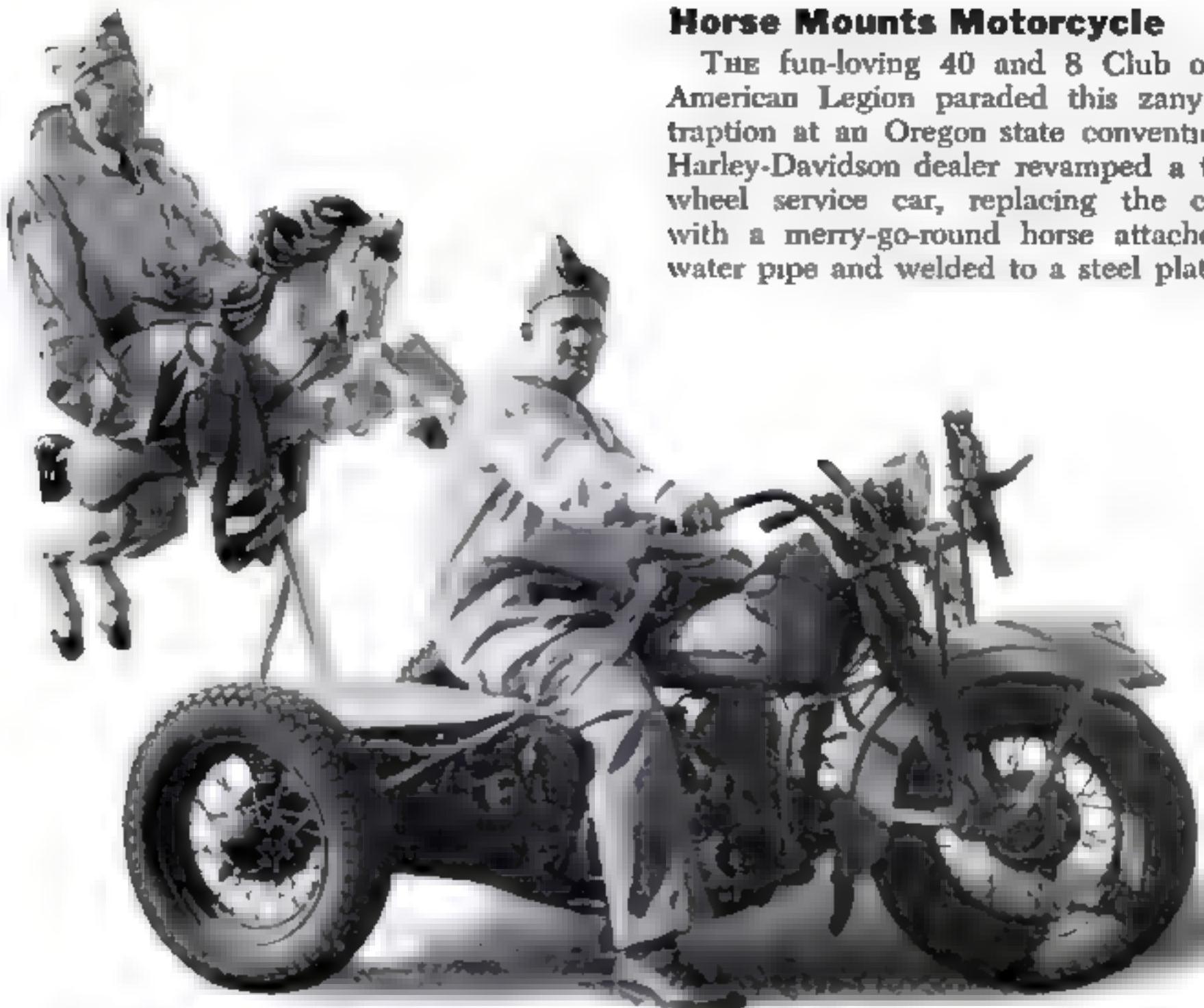
Effective brake-lining area: 166.3 sq. in.

Springs: front, coil; rear, semi-elliptic.

Weight and outside dimensions: 3,600 lb.; height, 60"; over-all length with bumpers and guards, 208 15/16"; width, 77 1/2"; wheelbase, 124 1/2"; overhang, front 37 1/2", rear 47 3/32"; tread, front 58 1/2", rear 55 1/2".

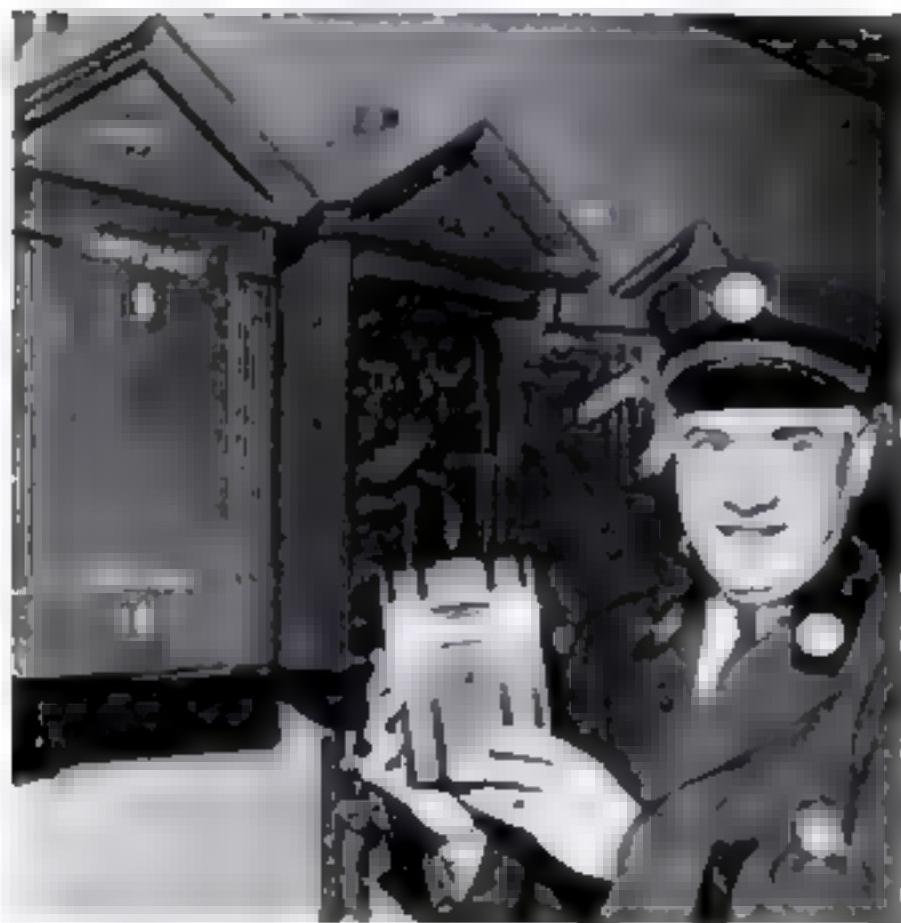
Inside dimensions: seat-cushion width, front and rear, 64"; leg room, front 43 1/2", rear 38"; headroom, front 38 1/2", rear 37 1/2"; seat height, front and rear, 12 1/2"; vertical distance, steering wheel to seat cushion, with seat in mid-position, 6 1/2"; front-seat adjustment, horizontal 4", vertical 3".

Tire size: 7.10 by 15.



Horse Mounts Motorcycle

THE fun-loving 40 and 8 Club of the American Legion paraded this zany contraption at an Oregon state convention. A Harley-Davidson dealer revamped a three-wheel service car, replacing the carrier with a merry-go-round horse attached to water pipe and welded to a steel plate.



New Alarm Box Is Midget

THERE is no glass to break, no key to turn on this tiny fire-alarm box. Just pulling down the handle on the front turns in the alarm. Shown above with some of the oldest fire-alarm boxes in the U.S., it is made for use in hospitals and schools by the Edwards Co., Norwalk, Conn.



Window Box Airs the Baby

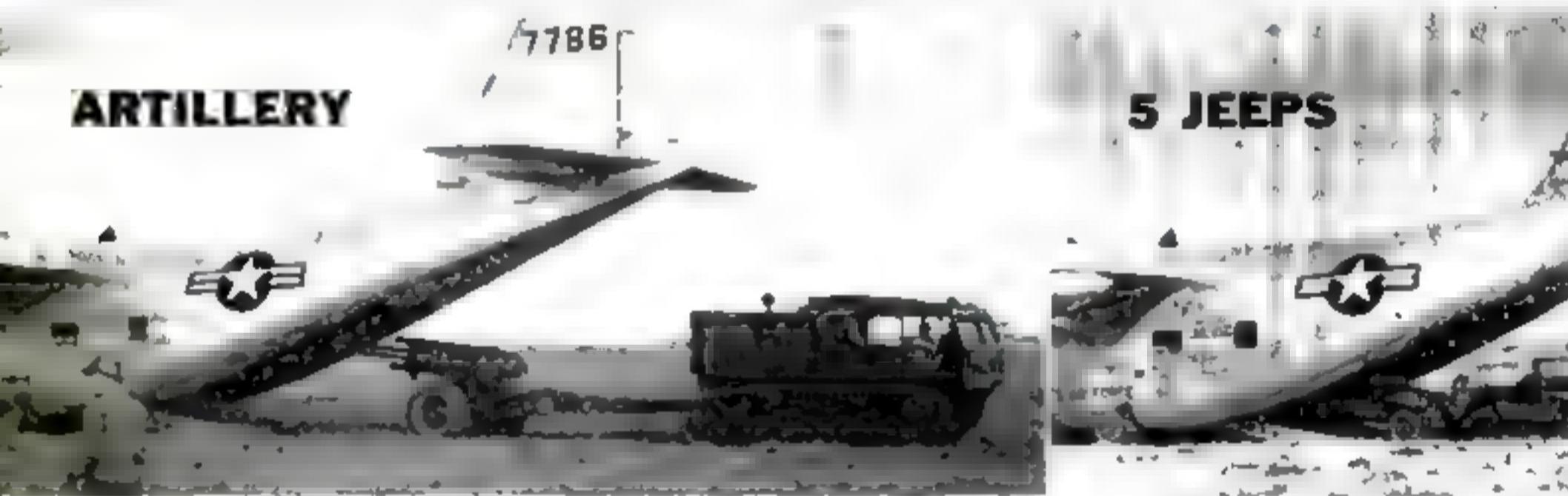
HE'S only a babe in a gridded cage, but he gets plenty of sun and fresh air. The cagelike play pen attaches securely to the window casing and juts out over the sill, high above the street. Photographed in use at a London day nursery, it looks like a good bet for apartment-house babies.

Air Truck Lands



Dust billows ahead as reversible-pitch propellers brake Air Force's new assault transport to a

Through cavernous maw in tail, heavy guns or five jeeps or 60 fully armed men can be loaded



This assault transport can ferry troops right to the foxholes, pick up the wounded and be off again in a matter of minutes.

By Tom Compere

ABIG air transport that can land in a bean patch is promising a revolution in today's foot-slogging ground warfare.

It can land soldiers close enough to the front lines to hear the crackle of rifle fire. In minutes, it can wheel about and fly out the wounded—for it can take off in little more than the length of a city block.

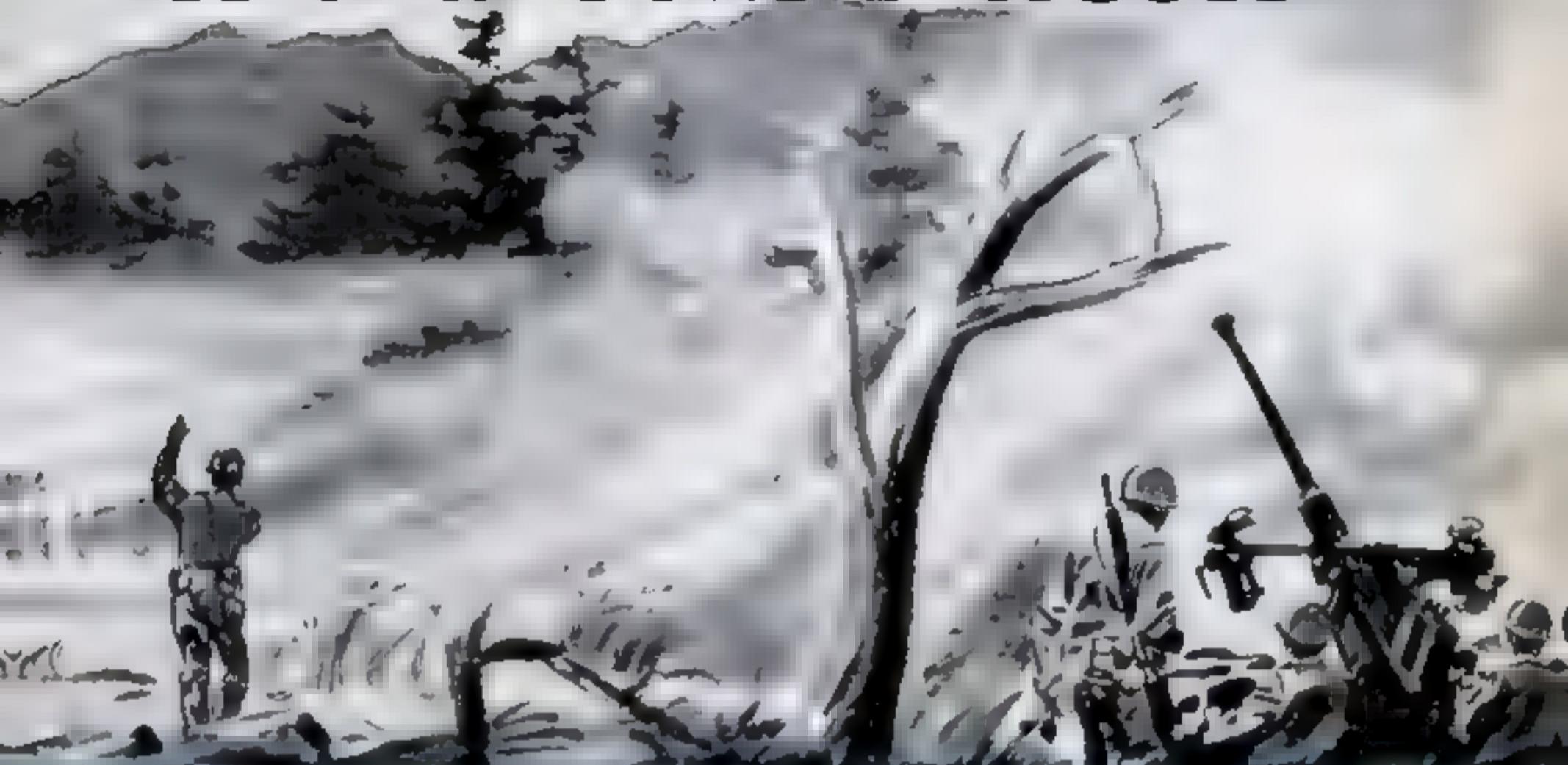
By moving large masses of men with incredible speed right up behind the fight-

ing line, this type of plane may bring to infantry warfare some of the swift tempo that has come to war in the air.

It is certain to replace a lot of costly and dangerous parachute jumps. An airplane can deliver troops and heavy guns with far less risk of breaking bones and equipment.

This new type of flying machine—and the U. S. Air Force is ordering a lot of them—is meant to fill the gap between the swift air transport miles behind the battle lines

in a Bean Patch



stop on a landing strip only 900 feet long. With jet assist, plane can take off in 400 feet.

or unloaded in matter of minutes. Floor of cargo compartment is only 32 inches from ground.

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and the slow truck transport up front. The plane looks like a truck with wings and is, in fact, called the "Avitru" (Air Force designation: C-123).

The C-123 will do things that neither helicopter nor glider can do. Helicopters have been too small to air lift very many men at one time. Gliders can land up front, but once down, they're through.

Plane, Helicopter, Glider All in One

The Air Force wanted an airplane, a helicopter and a glider all rolled into one. What it got was an "assault transport"—a glider with engines. Here's what it can do.

It can land and take off from small,

rough fields. It doesn't need runways. It can land in corn fields—or bean patches—beland enemy lines on rescue missions.

It can carry 60 fully equipped troops, or big artillery pieces, or five jeeps, or 56 wounded men plus half a dozen medical attendants.

Fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks, it can fly the 5,000 miles from New York to Los Angeles and back again at a speed of 200 miles an hour—nonstop.

With the flip of a switch it can lower a king-size ramp built into its tail and disgorge its load in a matter of minutes.

It can fly as a conventional airplane with piston engine and propellers, or with jet

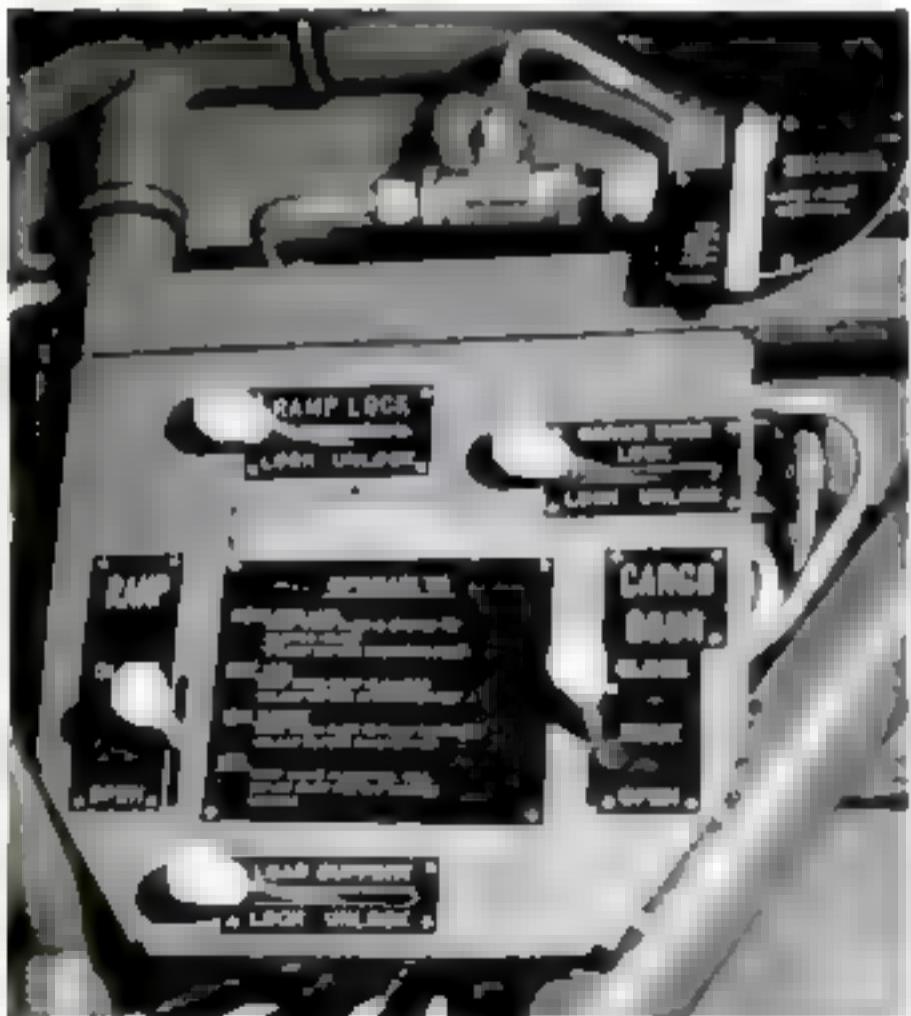


FLYING TANDEM are an XC-123A jet-powered Chase troop and cargo plane, and C-123 Avitrus assault transport. Both have same design as gliders company built during war.

engines, or—and this is really the pay-off—even as a glider if the engines are removed.

How an airplane could get that way depends for explanation on a chap named Michael Stroukoff, who was chased out of Russia by the revolutionists 30 years ago.

Stroukoff, chief engineer for Chase Aircraft Co. of West Trenton, N. J., designed the winged truck. He said it was about time that airplanes could be operated in fleets off any fairly level field that happened to be handy. He was tired of seeing planes pampered with long, expensive runways.



CONTROL PANEL for hydraulic system opens, closes, locks steel ramp and cargo door.

So he built a plane that would take the abuse of bouncing along on rough ground in landing and taking off. He wanted it to stop quickly, so he put on reversible-pitch propellers and outsize wing flaps. The second the wheels touch the ground, the props begin pushing instead of pulling.

He wanted his plane to take off in less distance than an automobile requires to reach 60 miles an hour, so he put JATO (jet-assist) bottles on the wings.

Plane Almost Sits on Ground

He wanted it low for easy loading and unloading. The fuselage almost sits on the ground even with the wheels fully extended. He wanted it to be easy to get into and out of, so he put on three doors.

He wanted it to be able to carry a lot of weight, so he put on what aeronautical engineers call a high-lift wing. He wanted to get guns and jeeps, as well as a lot of soldiers, into it, so he squared up the fuselage.

He wanted his airplane to be a work horse, so he fitted up the inside so he could put in and remove seats, install and take out litters, and lash down big guns—all in a matter of minutes.

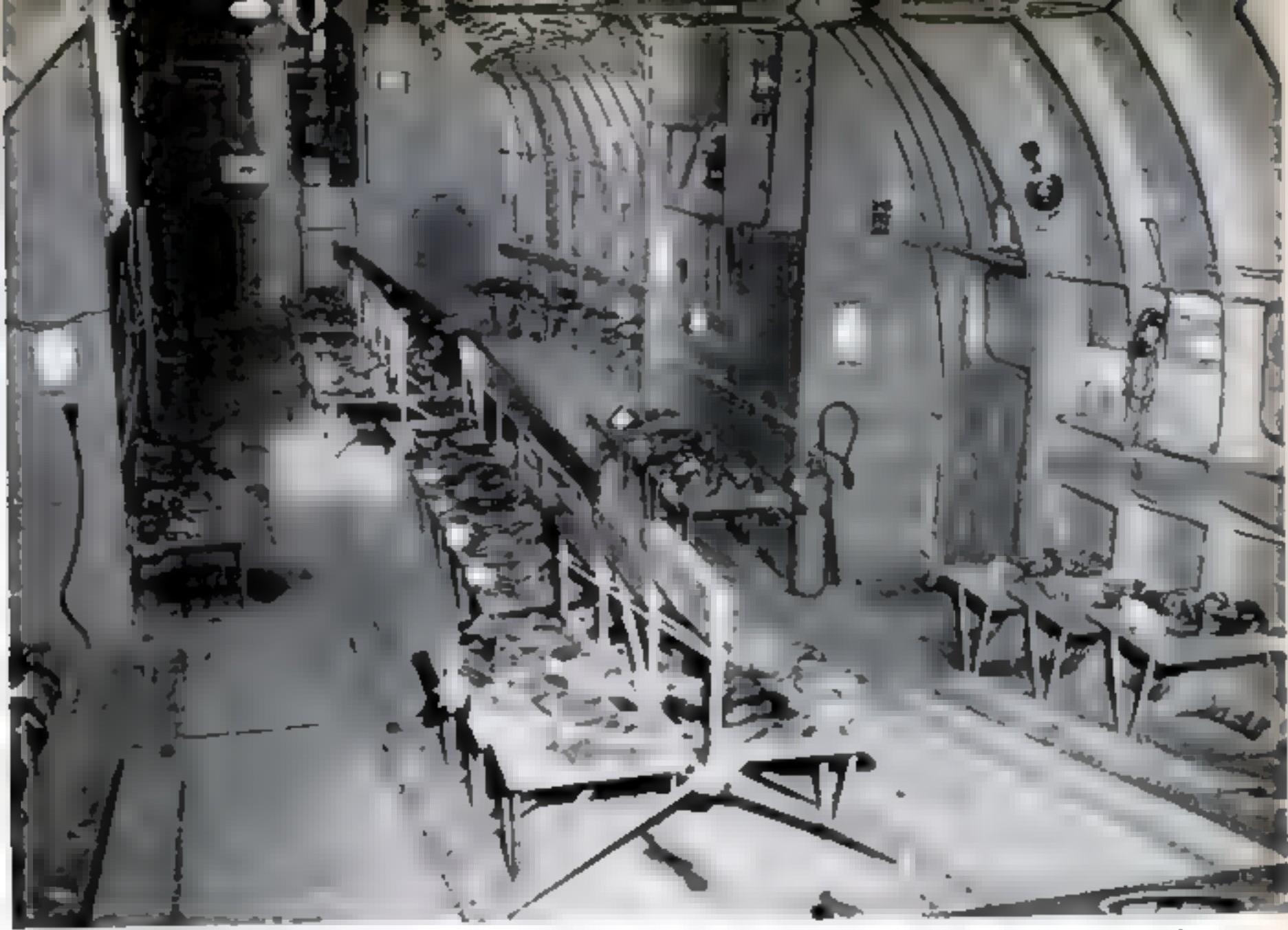
When he got all through, he took a few of his airplanes to some joint Army-Air Force maneuvers. They landed on ground that ordinary transports would avoid like plague. The "runway" was only a strip of level ground cleared of the worst of its underbrush. Infantrymen poured out of the doors of one of the planes. Then racks were locked into position in its interior. Litters were snapped into the racks. The plane took to the air again with a load of "wounded" soldiers. The whole operation consumed eight minutes.

Safer than Parachuting

Other Stroukoff planes touched down, stopped in clouds of dust and disgorged jeeps, howitzers, ammunition and additional infantrymen. Then they were off again for more supplies, at 200 miles an hour. Not a man was hurt, not a piece of equipment damaged, as inevitably happens in a parachute drop.

Mike Stroukoff watched with satisfaction as his planes proved that the tempo of battle could be stepped up by air.

He had only one complaint. "The landing field is too smooth," he said, "to show what my planes can really do."

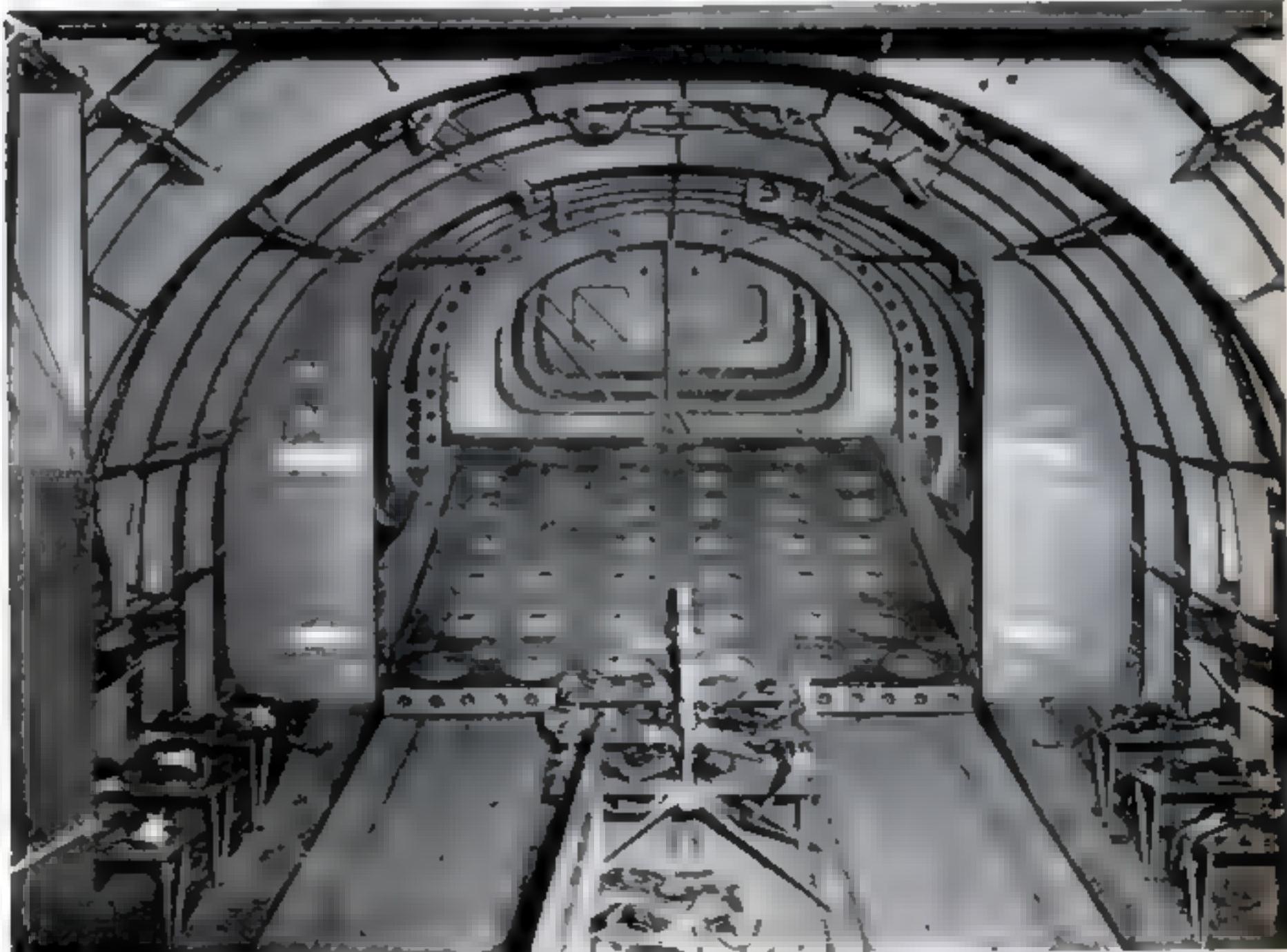


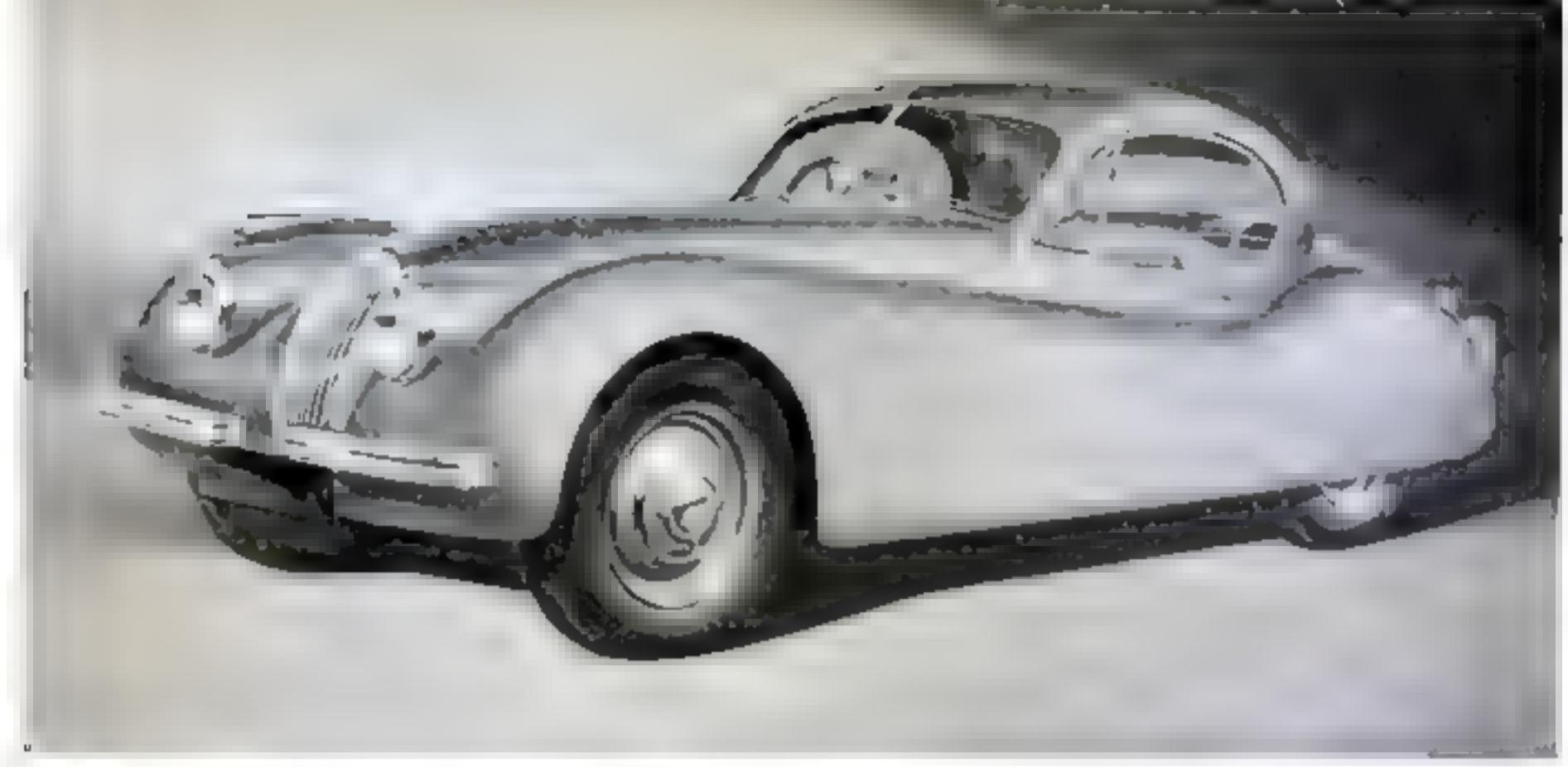
INTERIOR OF C-123 is equipped with seats which can be folded away to make room for cargo. Supports for litter racks are perma-

nently installed. Metal rings on floor are used to lash down cargo. Weighing 26,800 lb. empty, plane carries 27,200-lb. load.

REAR OF FUSELAGE has retractable steel ramp. Cargo compartment is 37 by nine feet, with eight-foot headroom. Wing span 110 feet.

Complete troop loading and take-off have been carried out in three minutes. Kaiser-Frazer will build 400 C-123s at Willow Run.





Jaguar Gets a Hard Top

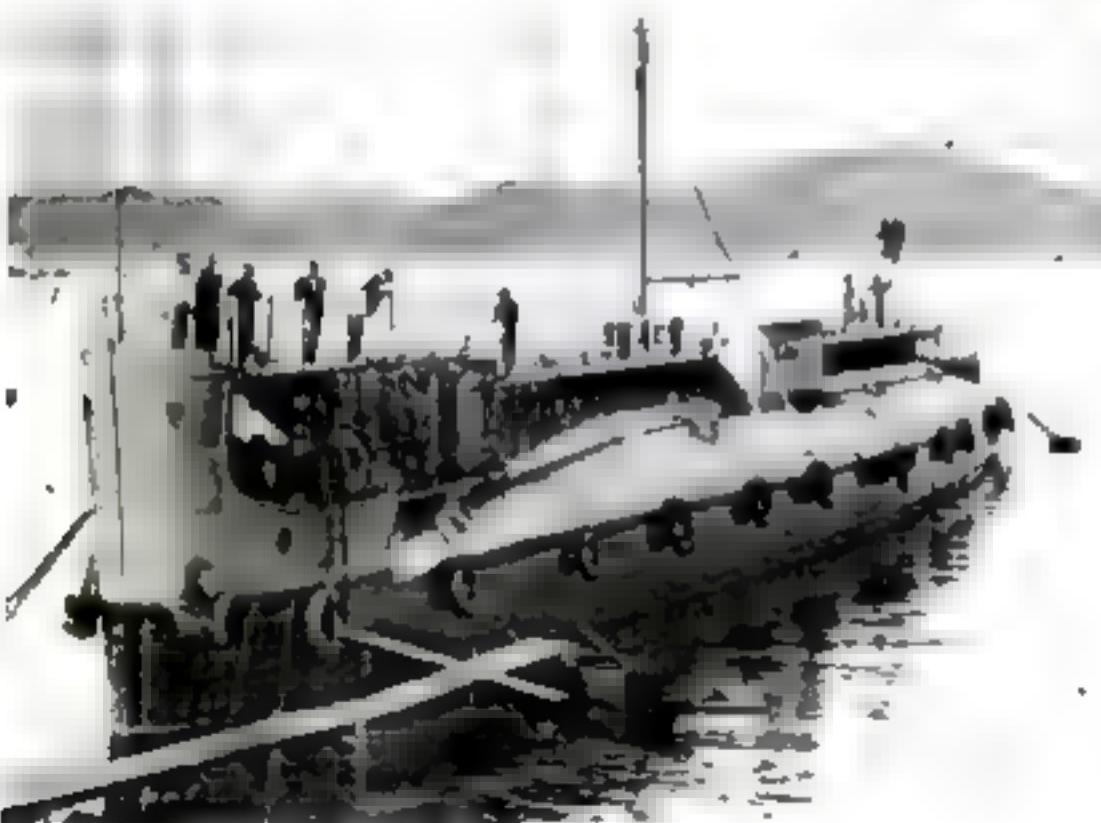
THAT favorite of sports-car fans, the 124-mile-an-hour Jaguar, is now appearing in coupe form in the United States. The canvas top and side panels on the original XK 120

sports version have been replaced with steel and glass. Borrowing from American design, the new Jag has four ventilating windows instead of two. Otherwise, the body and engine remain the same.

Cows Pump Water for Themselves

GERMAN farmers are equipping their pastures with a pump so designed that cattle can draw their own water.

When a thirsty cow nuzzles the ladle attached to the pump handle, the handle is pressed down. Pumping action then fills the ladle with fresh water. The inventor claims the cows soon get the idea. The contraption won a prize at a recent agricultural fair in Hamburg.



Liquid Rubber Stored in Cut-Down Sub

THIS converted submarine is used as a movable storage tank for liquid latex rubber. Ocean-going tankers unload into it instead of into permanent tanks along shore, relieving harbor congestion at Genoa, Italy. The old submarine naturally resists sea-water infiltration. It was cut down in length, fitted with pumps and a small analysis laboratory, and its compartments were rearranged.

Photo from Chemical Engineering

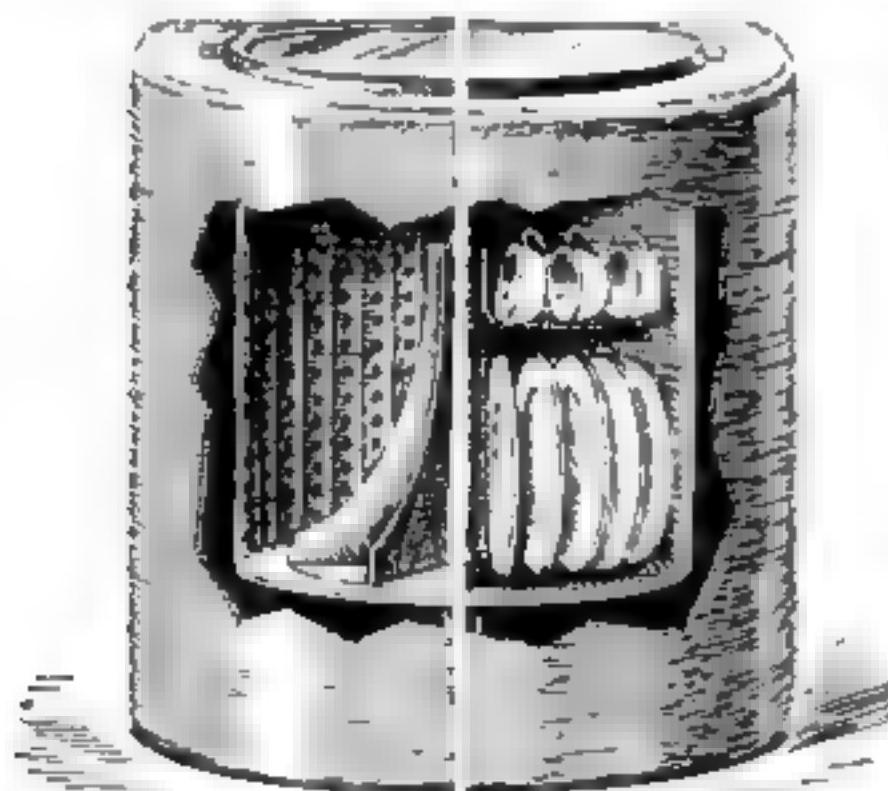
New Ideas from the Inventors



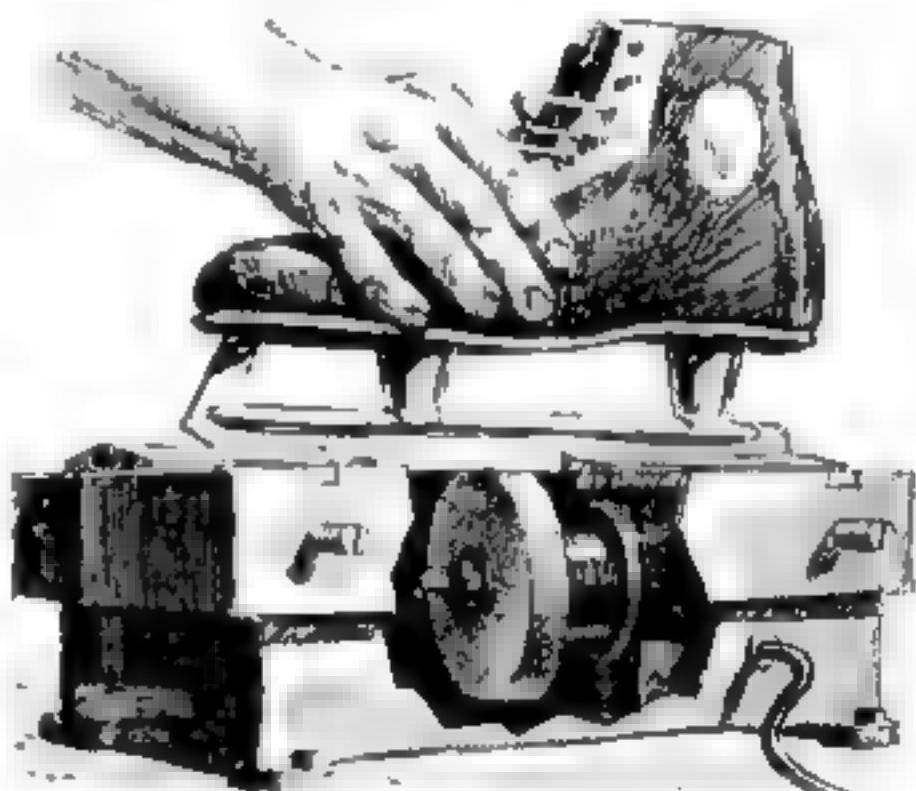
1 Tractor Sights to Aid Planting. The driver of this tractor would find it easy to plant straight crop rows even on a hillside. Two curved bubble tubes are mounted on the hood's centerline. To maintain a straight



course, the driver would simply steer to keep the two bubbles lined up with a distant reference point. As the tractor tilted on a hill, the bubbles would always remain upright and in line with each other.

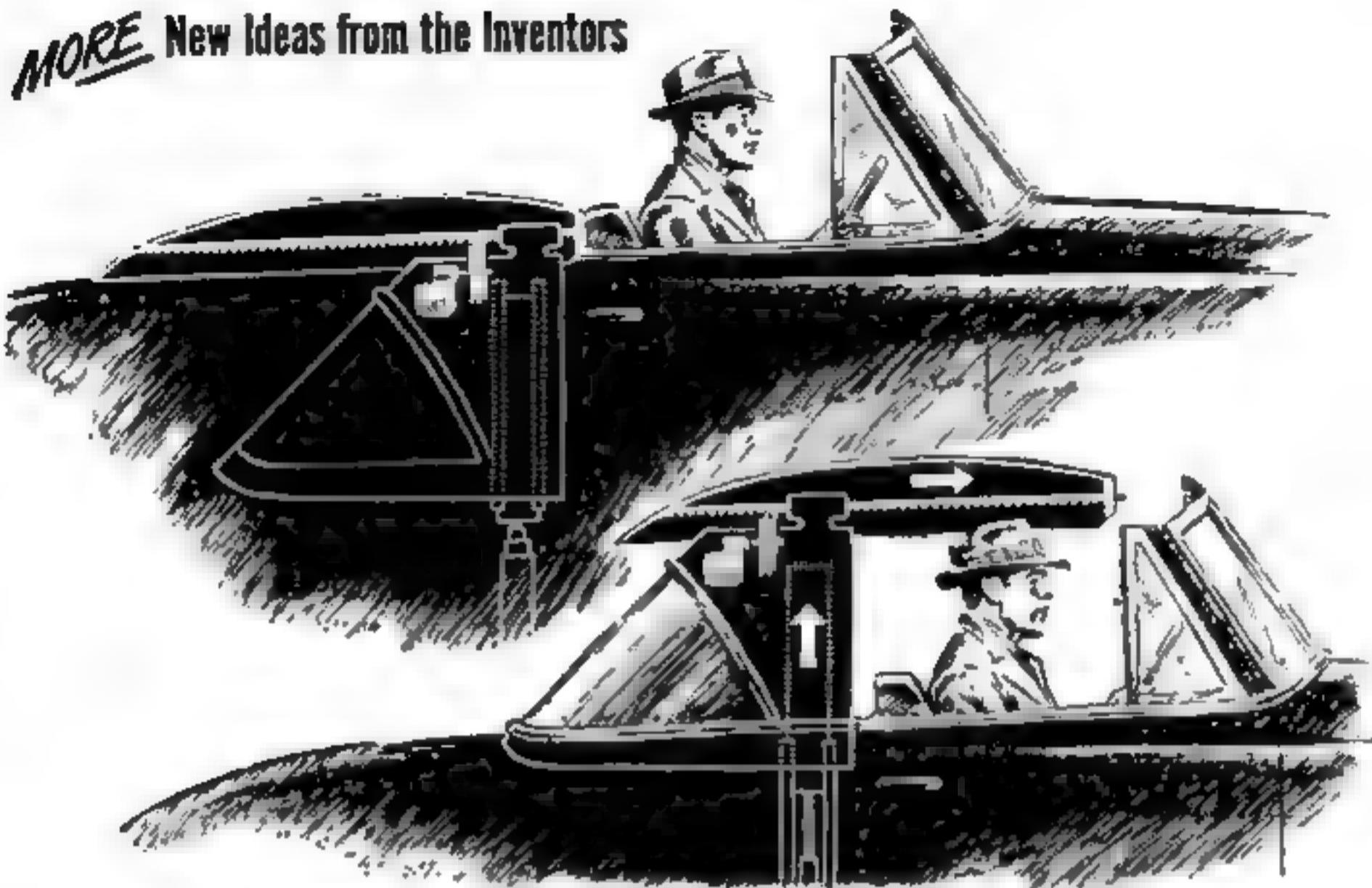


2 Machine to Wash Dishes or Clothes. Homes will need only one washing machine for both dishes and clothes if this idea catches on. An electric tank-type washer, it has a vertical clothes-washing agitator that can be quickly removed and replaced with a tiered dish-washing basket fitting on the same driveshaft.



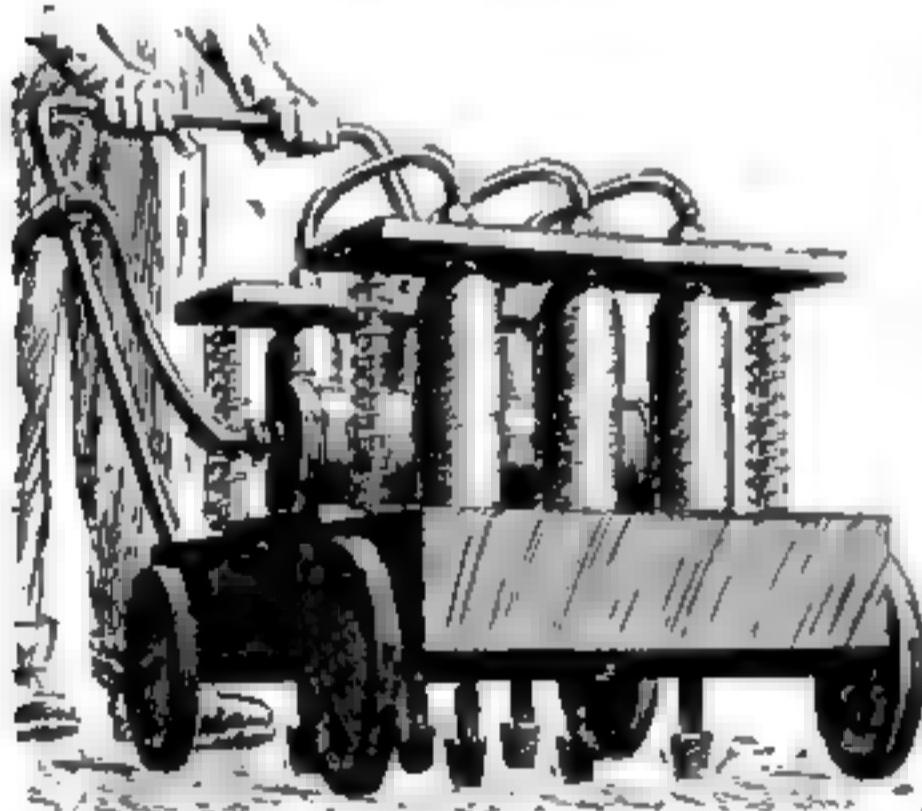
3 Skate Grinder to Be Automatic. The ticklish job of sharpening ice skates could be done easily at home with this electric grinder. A slotted guide on top would adjust to the blade width and desired depth of cut. Then the user would simply move the skate back and forth in the guide, automatically getting an accurate, uniform grind.

MORE New Ideas from the Inventors



4 Hard Top to Collapse. All the features of both a closed car and a convertible could be enjoyed with this collapsible hard top. At the touch of a button, two hydraulic pistons would raise the one-piece rear sec-

tion from a well behind the seat, while an electrically driven rack and worm gear would move the roof forward to meet the windshield. Lowered, the roof would fit over the rear deck.



5 Chipper to Remove Paint. Sailors would have an easier time removing old paint and scale from the steel decks of their ships with this air-driven machine. Seven chipping hammers mounted on a wheeled carriage and operated by compressed air would do the job quickly and more uniformly than it can be done by hand.



6 Oil Tester to Fit Flashlight. With only a flashlight and this attachment, any garageman could check crankcase oil visually for dirt. By placing a little of the oil in a depression in the plastic lens and switching on the light, he could compare it with clean samples of heavy and light oil sealed within the lens.

Patents on these inventions have been granted to: J. B. Maier, Comby, Minn.; S. E. Killin, Battle Creek, Mich.; J. J. Yello, New York City; A. H. George, Chicago; S. D. Fins, Everett, Mass.; G. L. Alexander, Charlotte, N.C., and J. Sherrill, Belmont, N.C.

Maybe You'd Like a Fur-Lined Car

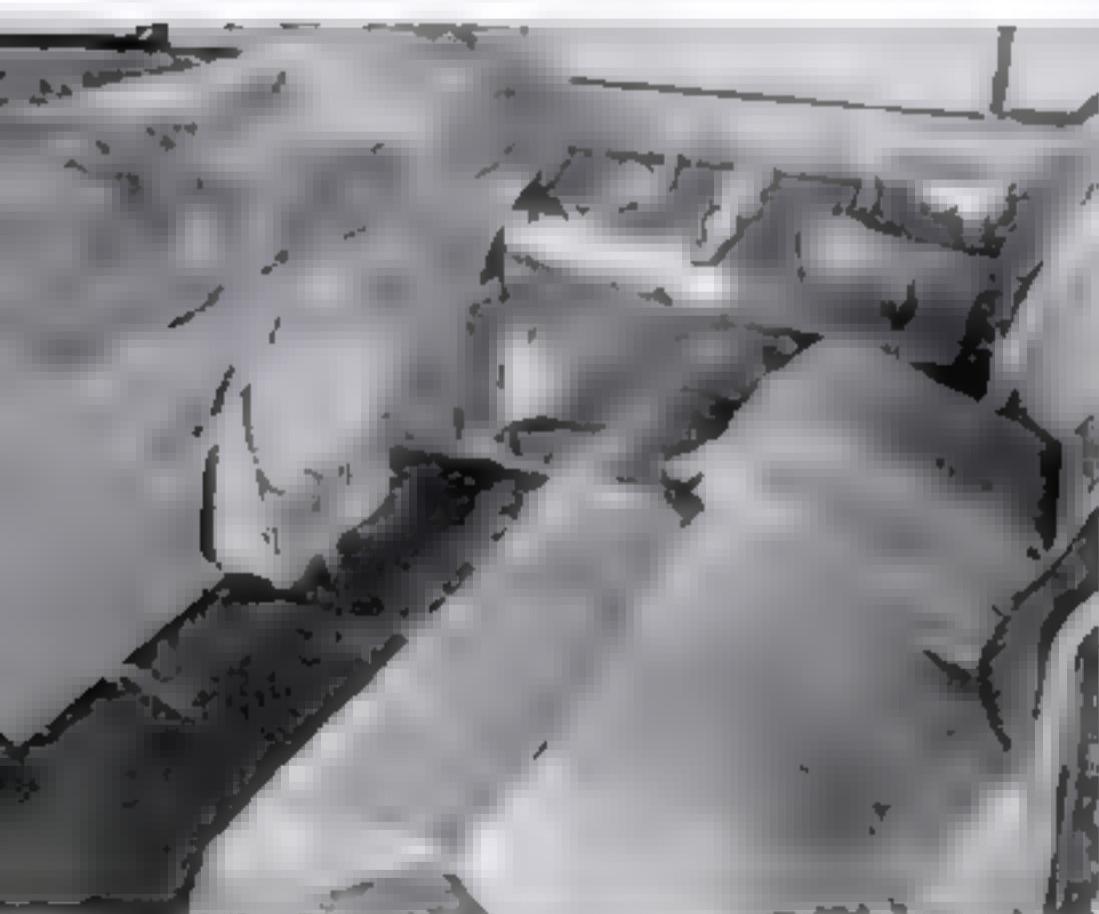


"SAFARI" has female lion skin on seats, male lion skin on floor. Edges of seats and door pulls are zebra skin. Lion mane can be seen at door sill, transmission tunnel.

WHEN Clyde Beatty, the animal man, slides behind the wheel of a specially upholstered automobile he owns, he sits on a female lion. The lion is quite dead. Its skin is interior trim in Beatty's "Safari" car, one of four Kaiser-Frazer show cars. The others, called "South Seas," "Caballero" and "Explorer," still belong to the company.



"EXPLORER," trimmed with polar-bear fur, is downiest of four materials—and hardest to keep clean. Arm rests are mouton fur. "Penguin" vinyl covers outside of door panel.

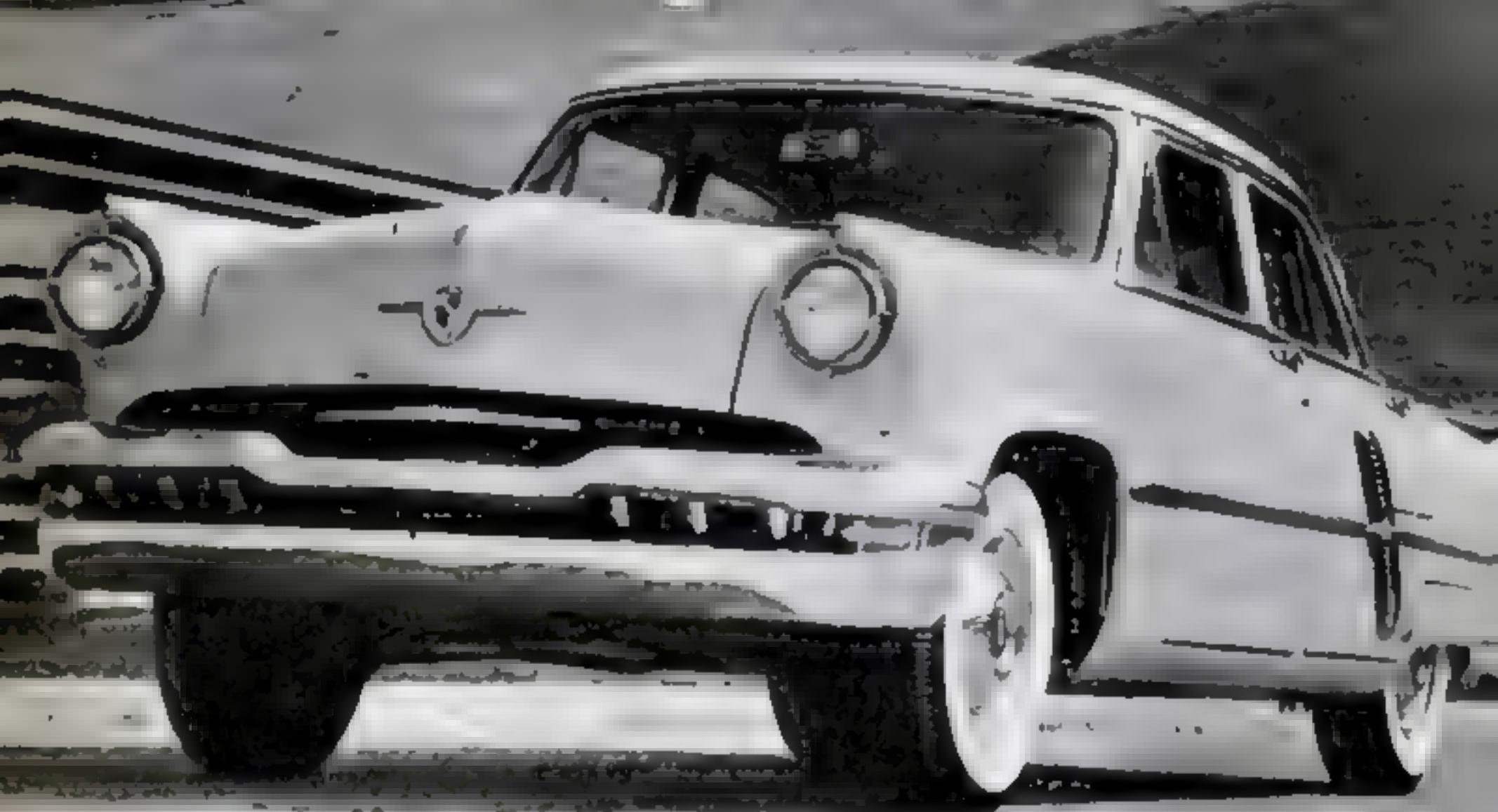


"CABALLERO" is trimmed mainly in palomino pony and Arabian horse skin. Flanking saddle bags are bit chains. Hardware, silver-mounted, includes door handles made of spurs.



"SOUTH SEAS" upholstery is made of colorful cloth prints native to that region. Decorative effects are achieved with sea shells used as buttons, fish net, rattan, reeds.

Overhead-Valve Engine Powers Lighter Lincoln



A weight-reducing diet and high-compression oats are grooming this swank thoroughbred for a rail post in the race for power.

By Harry Walton

A BRAND-NEW luxury car rolled off the drawing boards into Lincoln showrooms this month. Hardly anything but the name remains of the Ford Company's famous upper-bracket automobile.

Determined to give competition a run for the swank money, Lincoln engineers jacked up the top and rolled under it an updated high-compression engine, a new frame and a completely restyled body, along with a designer's dozen lesser improvements. The new car weighs about 500 pounds less than the '51 Cosmopolitan. With a more powerful engine, this means the sleek '52

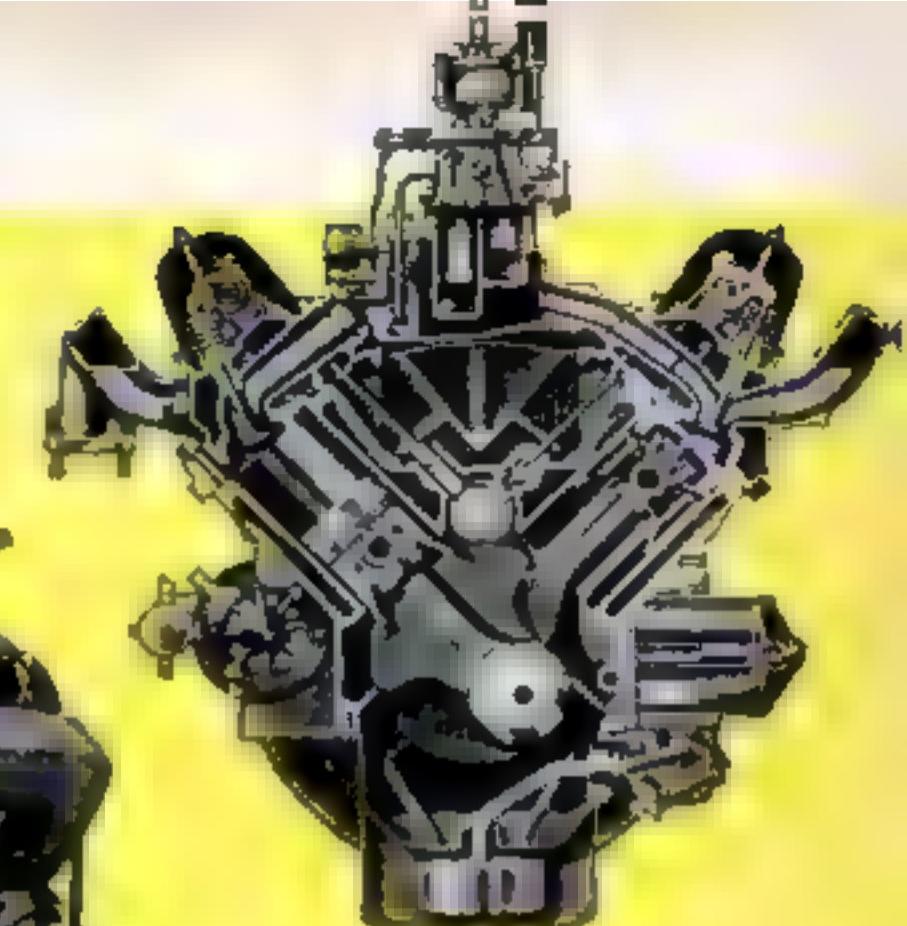
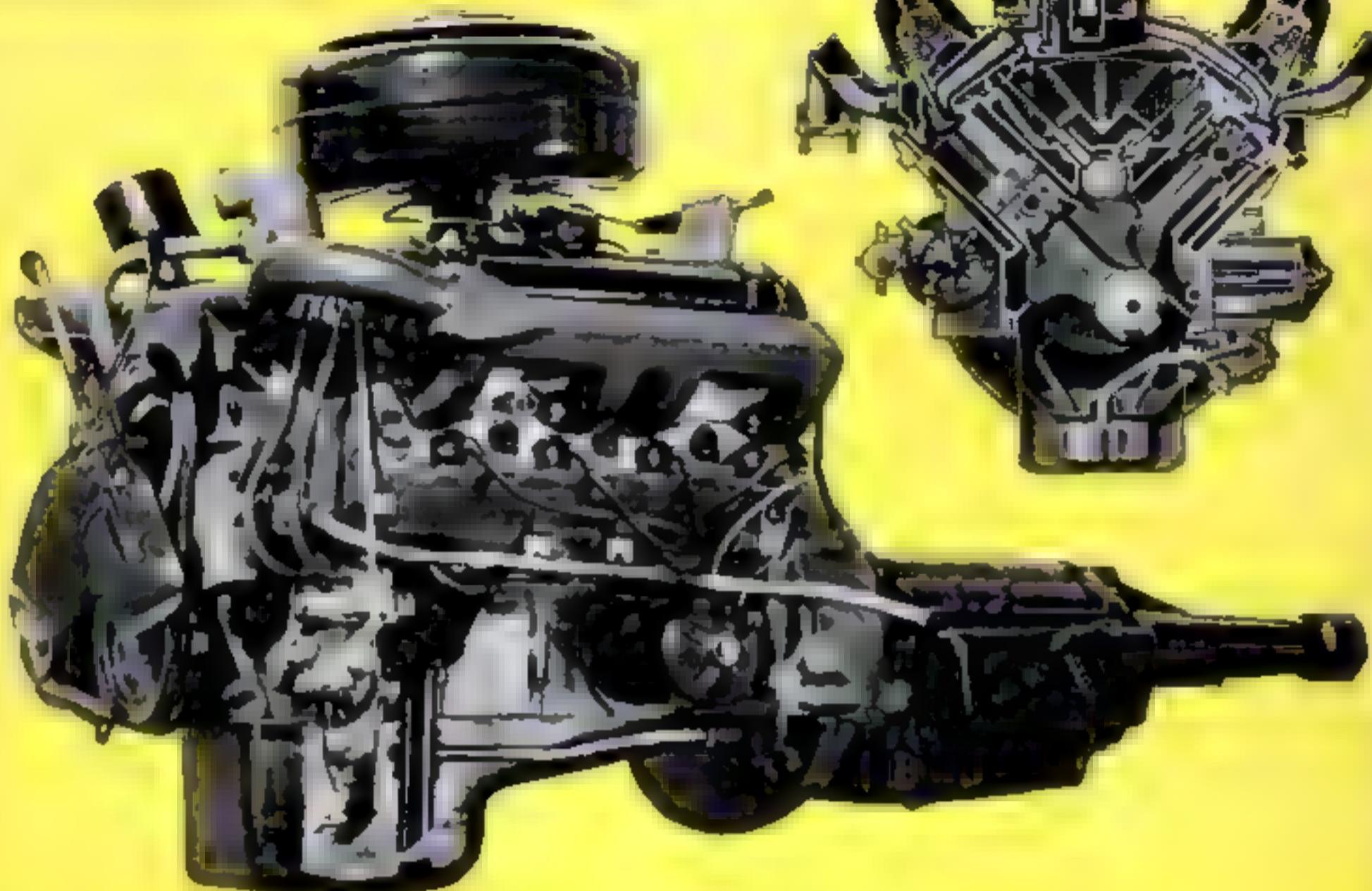
has an ample supply of take-off and go.

A dead black, unglamorous test job that was rolled out for PS readily did the zero-to-60 in 15 seconds flat. Equipped with Dual-Range Hydra-Matic, it took off with a smooth surge of acceleration that said there was more where that came from.

Top speed, the engineers and test drivers say, is something over 100. The near 90 we did on the Ford speed track was close enough for me, since I'm no Willbur Shaw.

It's an Oversquare Engine

The famous L-head V-8 that long made Lincoln history now bows out in favor of a valve-in-head, oversquare engine. Over-



ENTIRELY NEW ENGINE resembles former L-head only in being a V-8. Bore is 3.8 inches, bigger than stroke (3.5 inches). Displacement is smaller than the L-head's (317 cubic inches), but compression is higher (7.5:1). Fuel pump is low on left. Distributor is high on rear of block. Car not only starts smoothly from dead stop on 30-percent grade (photo left), but Hydra-Matic even upshifts.

square is engineer's lingo for a bore larger than the stroke, common to the Olds, Cadillac and Chrysler V-8s. A short stroke decreases piston speed and friction drag.

Tipping the dynamometer at 160 horsepower, the new Lincoln V-8 has a smaller displacement than its predecessor—317 cubic inches instead of 337. Lincoln's compression ratio is 7.5:1, the same as Cadillac's and Chrysler's. The overhead-valve design will make it easy to raise this as octanes go up.

Like the other three high-compression V-8s, the Lincoln's has five main bearings, a single camshaft, and hydraulic lifters to keep valve lash to zero. Because of its design and a pressurized cooling system, the new engine gets along with a lot less water than the old—24 quarts instead of 34. Thus a smaller radiator helps save some weight.

The trend to high-compression engines now seems fairly well fixed. High compression turns more of the fuel's heat into work, throws less away in the radiator. Among the big luxury wagons, the only holdout now is Packard, with its straight-eight.

New Frame and Engine Mount

Where the X members of the Lincoln frame cross, they've added a side-to-side member to make the X carry some load as well as resist torsion. But the new member cuts down on muffler space, so the muffler is split into two units (one is called a resonator) that quiets the exhaust bark in two stages.

The frame's front cross member is way out at the end, instead of under the engine. The engine mount is a tubular drop member

farther back, almost under the middle of the block.

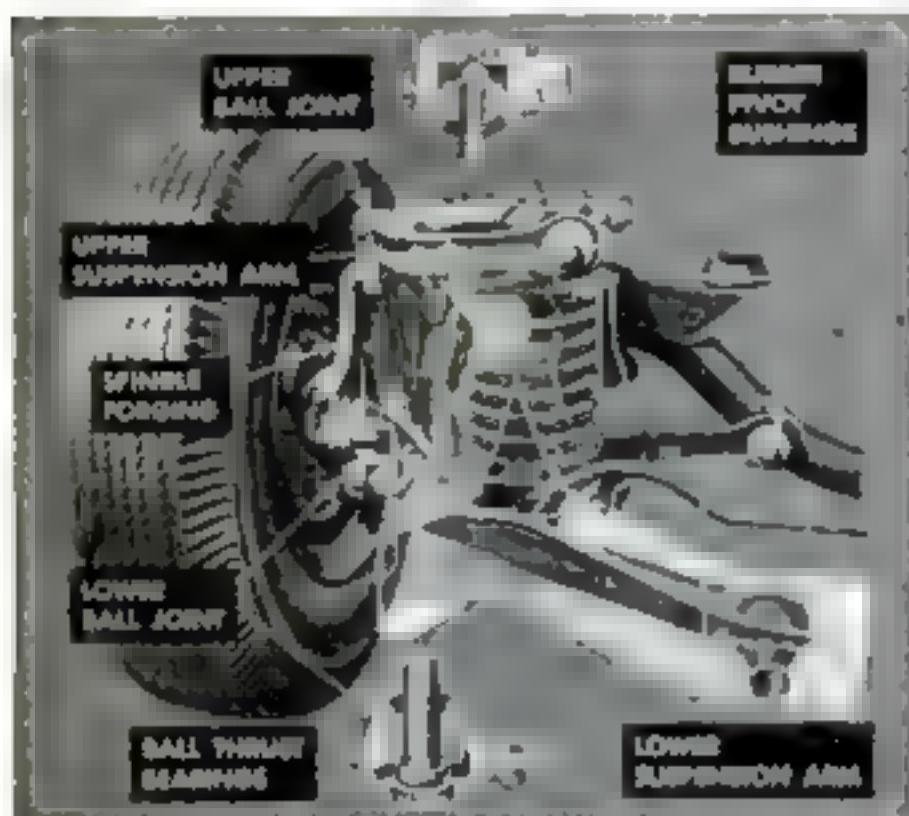
This brings the oil sump in front of the engine mount, where it's easy to drain. It also leaves plenty of room around the front of the engine, so they've moved the fuel

pump forward, low down on the left side. Being 20° cooler there, the pump is less liable to vapor lock. It also has 18 inches less head to pump against from the tank.

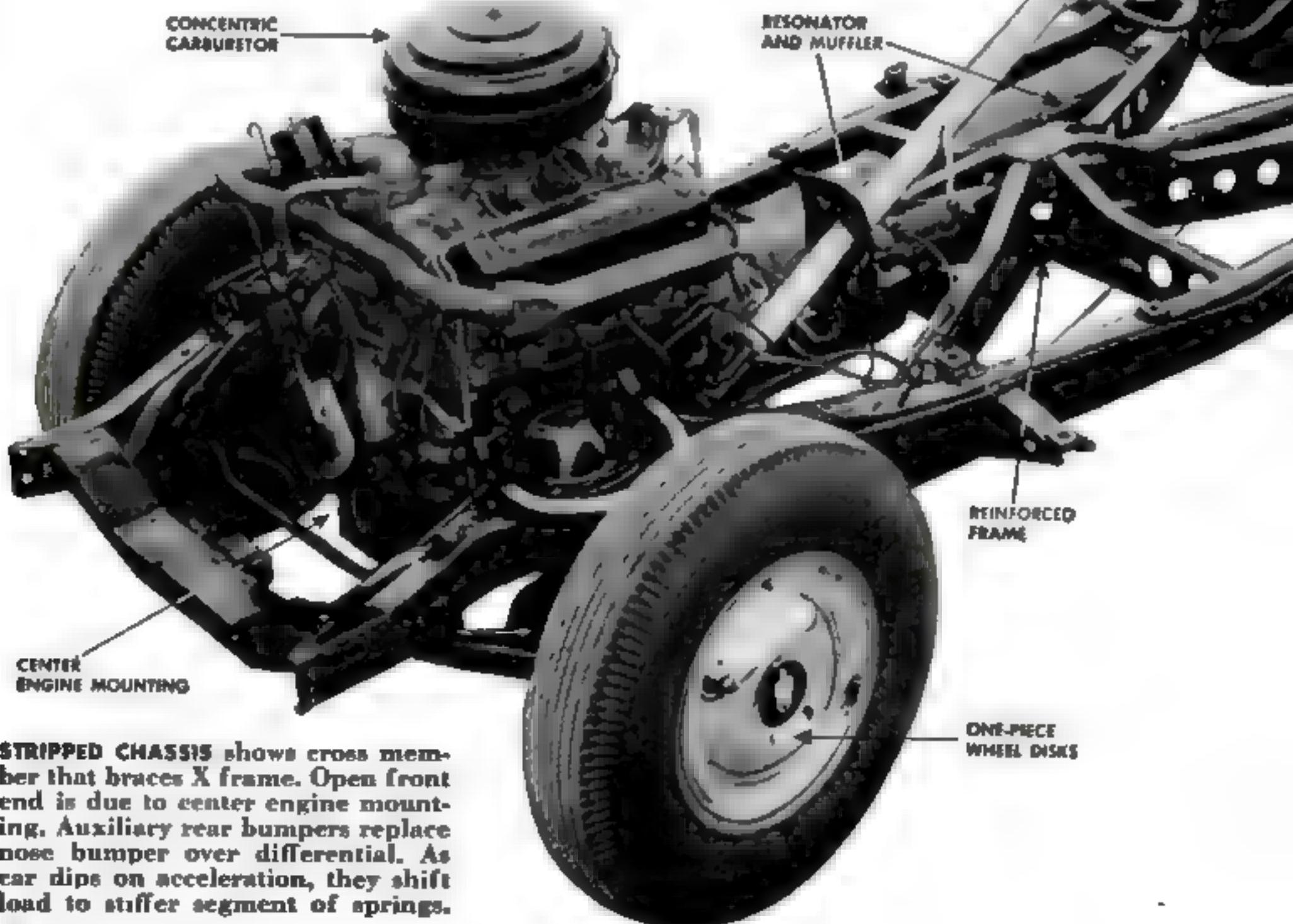
Lincoln engineers claim a real improvement in the front suspension of the new car. To fit the new frame, the lower suspension arms are very wide Vs, with one leg pivoting on the foremost frame member, and the other on the tubular engine mount. Instead of the familiar pivot shafts, both upper and lower suspension arms have ball joints at their ends that are fastened with tapered studs to the spindle forging.

Those ball joints work two ways—they give you the steering action of the ordinary kingpin and the suspension pivoting necessary for walking over bumps. So freely do they work that steering effort is reduced.

Part of this is made possible by ball thrust bearings in the lower ball joint. Both ball seats are replaceable shells, but they



FRONT SUSPENSION has fewer parts, with only four points to grease. Ball joints, developed by Lincoln and Thompson Products, provide both suspension and steering motions.



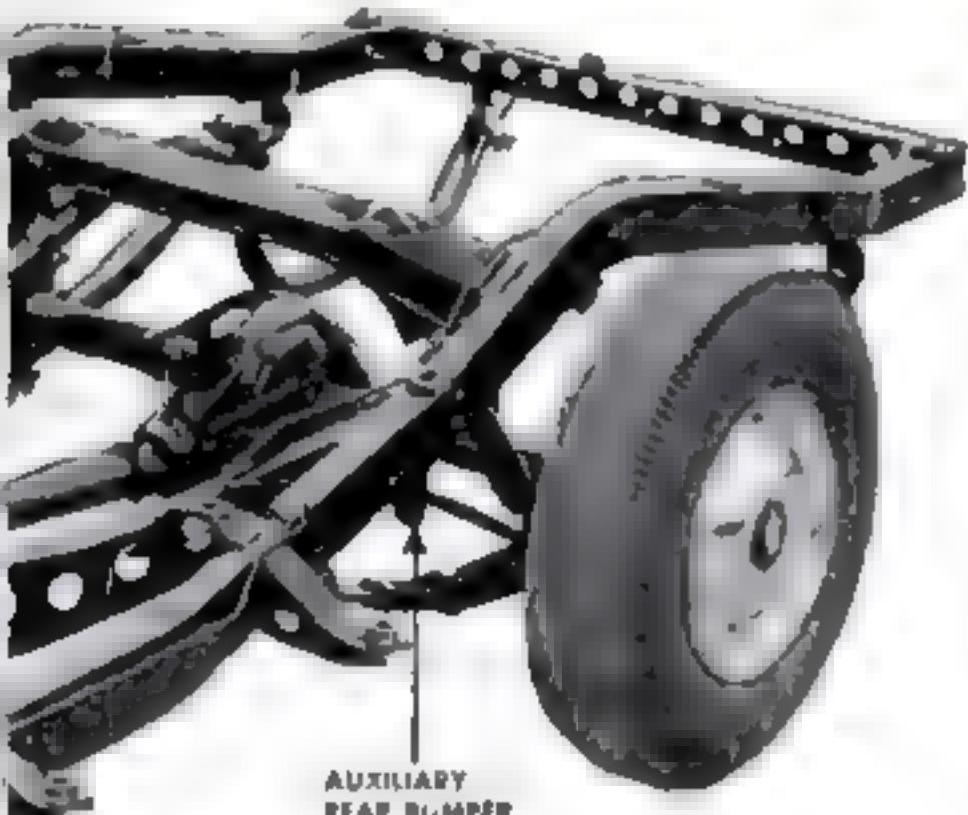
STRIPPED CHASSIS shows cross member that braces X frame. Open front end is due to center engine mounting. Auxiliary rear bumpers replace nose bumper over differential. As car dips on acceleration, they shift load to stiffer segment of springs.



WIDE HOOD has front release like the Mercury's. High fenders thrust forward to carry headlights well ahead, just behind the high bumper. There is no radiator grille.



FENDER SKIRTS are standard. The bright-trimmed "air scoops" on fenders are dummies, just for looks. A real body improvement is front hinging of rear doors.



AUXILIARY
REAR BUMPER



FISHTAIL EFFECT is achieved with massive taillight housing blending into the bumper. Trunk lid is generously wide, making it easy to load the big luggage compartment.

Facts on '52 Lincoln

Make and model: Lincoln Cosmopolitan four-door sedan.

Engine: V-8 overhead valve; 160 hp. at 3,900 r.p.m.; car weight per hp., 25.4 lb.; bore and stroke, 3 4/5" by 3 1/4"; compression ratio, 7.5:1; piston displacement, 317.5 cu. in.

Engine piston travel: (in feet per car mile at 20 m.p.h.) 1,310.

Crankshaft bearing surface: 47.4 sq. in.
Torque: 284 lb.-ft. at 1,800 r.p.m.

Transmission: 3-speed synchromesh, standard; overdrive or Hydra-Matic, optional.

Rear-axle ratio: 3.92:1, others optional.
Steering ratio: 26.1:1.

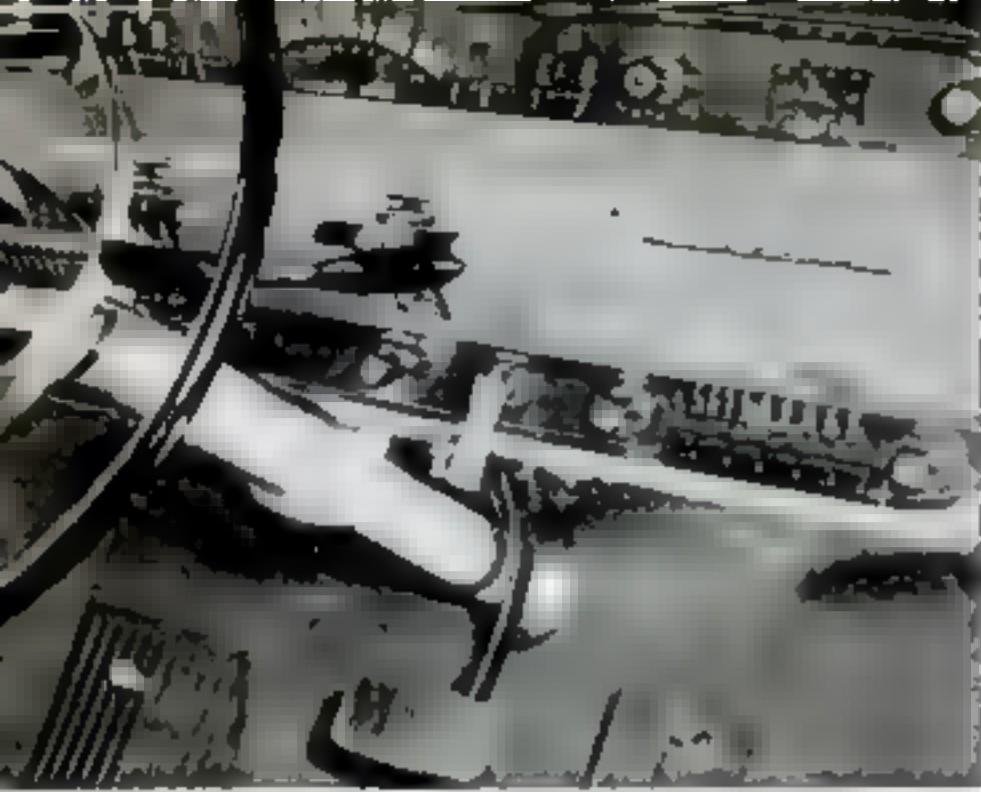
Radius of turning circle: 22 1/2 ft.

Effective brake-lining area: 202.34 sq. in.
Springs: front, coil; rear, semi-elliptic.

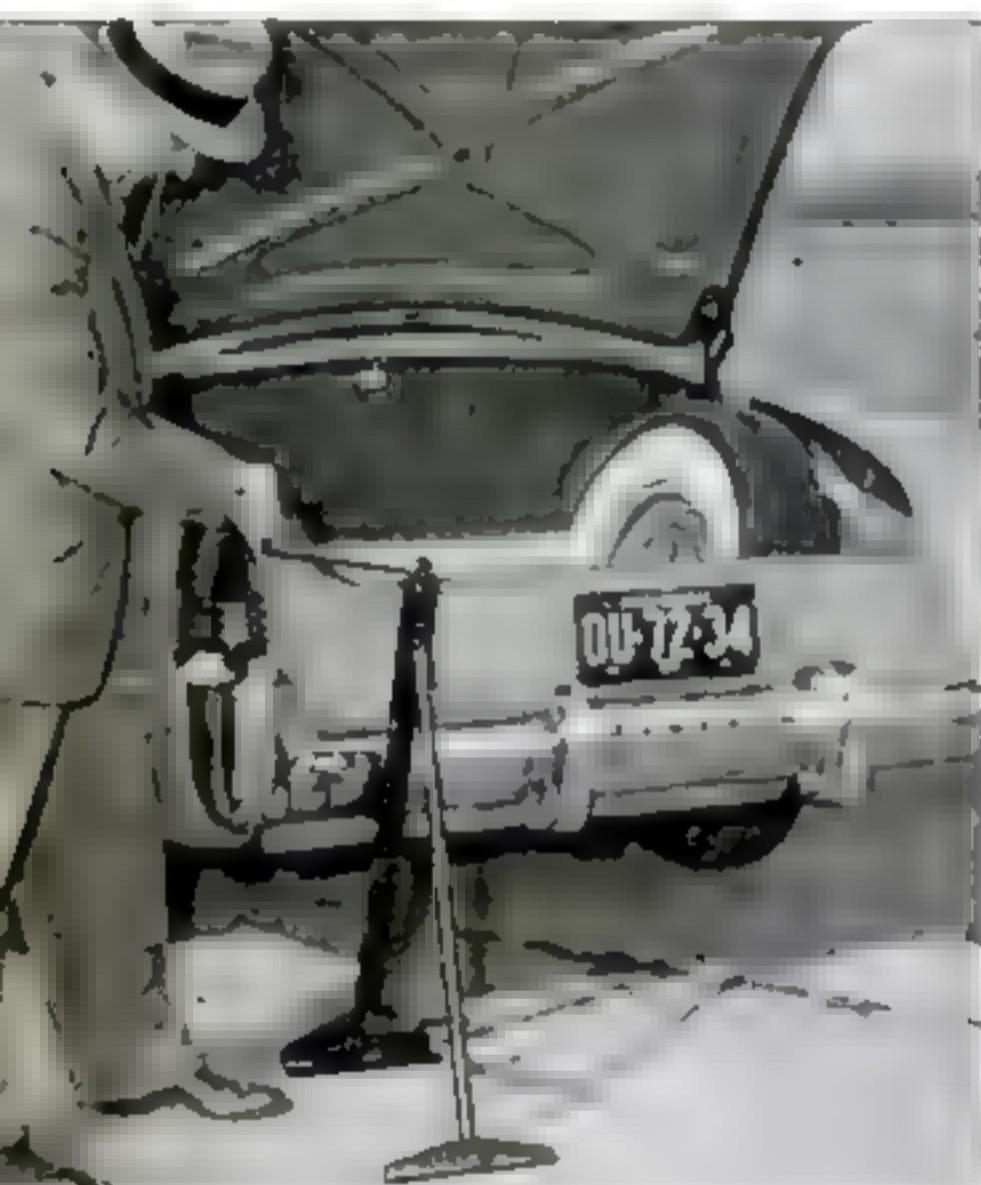
Weight and outside dimensions: 4,060 lb.; height (no passengers), 64 1/5"; overall length with bumpers and guards, 214 1/10"; width, 77 1/2"; wheelbase, 123"; overhang, front 38 3/10", rear 52 4/5"; tread, front 58 1/4", rear 58 1/4".

Inside dimensions: seat-cushion width, front 60 1/10", rear 64"; leg room, front 42 4/5", rear 41 3/5"; headroom, front 36 2/5", rear 34 7/10"; seat height, front 12 1/2", rear 12 1/2"; vertical distance, steering wheel to seat cushion, seat in full rear position, 6 1/10"; front-seat adjustment, horizontal 4 1/10", vertical 3/10".

Tire size: 8'00 by 15.

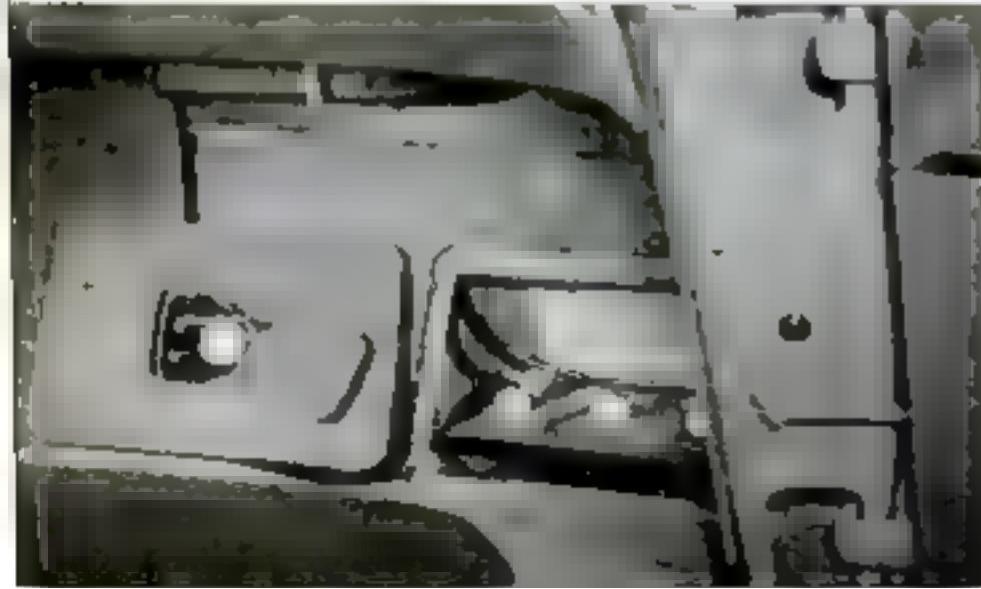


INSTRUMENT PANEL is smart, but lighter (top right) is still a long stretch away. Note overhung brake (Hydra-Matic job has no clutch pedal). Blinker warns if hand brake is on.



A BIPOD JACK is standard equipment. Hand brake must be off when car is raised, to let jack settle back on rear leg. Screw action lifts or drops car easily, without jerks.

NEW SPOT FOR BATTERY, at right side of floorboard, keeps it cooler and requires less cable run. Longer battery, first developed for military use, has 63 plates instead of usual 39.



have not worn one out yet in 70,000 miles.

At the inboard ends, both suspension arms have rubber pivot bushings. There are only four grease fittings in the entire front-wheel suspension—for the ball joints.

No Holes in the Floorboard

In 1951 the British Ford Co. first used overhung, or pendulum, clutch and brake pedals in its English-built Consul and Zephyr. Now this idea has been imported for the Lincoln (and the Mercury, too—see p. 158). You'll find the pedals pivoted under the dash. This adds foot room, subtracts drafts.

And speaking of winter drafts, the Lincoln's underseat heater has its own blower and hot-water core, through which air enters from a duct on the left side. Over the right side of the engine there is an independent defroster unit, with its own blower and core, fed by air from another duct. This unit has a flap that the front-seat passenger can open if he's chilly.

Body Is Shorter, Roomier

With only two inches cut from the wheelbase (it's 123 inches instead of 125), the '52 Cosmopolitan is almost 11 inches shorter over-all, giving you that much less to cram into a tight parking space.

Visibility is better. The three-panel rear window is deeply curved at the ends, with some distortion there, but has plenty of look-through area. Fenders are high; you can see the right-hand one from the driver's seat.

Being lighter, the car rolls on slightly smaller tires—8.00-by-15s instead of 8.20s, which are now only on the convertible.

Five body types are available, including a new hard top.

Standard shift, overdrive and Hydra-Matic will be optional. Detroit talk has it the latter may be the new two-range type (PS, Jan. '52, p. 101).

END

GAS CAP IS HIDDEN behind spring-hinged license bracket. As in Mercury, this shortens tank neck, enlarging usable trunk space. Gas hose reaches from either side.





Watch Out! This Beanstalk Killer's Mouth Is 16-Feet Wide

This 52-ton steel juggernaut works 10 hours a day on the King Ranch in Texas. It is two Caterpillar D8 tractors hooked together like Siamese twins. The seven-ton

funnel 'dozer at the front cuts a 16-foot swath through dense mesquite and brush. The rear-mounted root plow bites 16 inches below ground and will uproot 40-foot trees.

'Can Opener' Peels Drum Top

IT ISN'T quite as handy as the kitchen size, but the grown up "can opener" for steel drums (left and below) is nearly as fast and is safer, for it knurls the edges. The old factory method was to chop around the edges with a hatchet. Michael A. Schinker Co., Chicago, makes the tool.



Screwdriver Lights Its Way

FOR use in those dark corners this German screwdriver has a small flashlight built right into its handle (right). A screw cap at the end of the handle switches on the light, which shines down the shaft directly at the point where it is most needed. It is made by Maschinenfabrik Wilhelm Sievers of Lindau-Zech, in the French Zone of Germany.

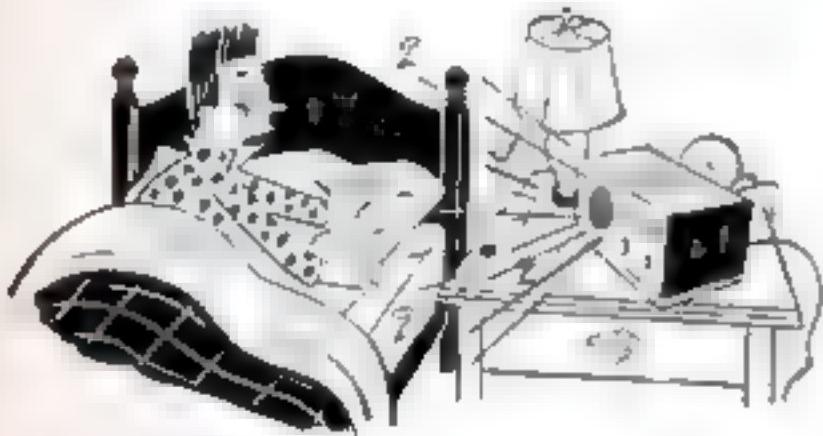




Motorcycle Has Novel Trailer

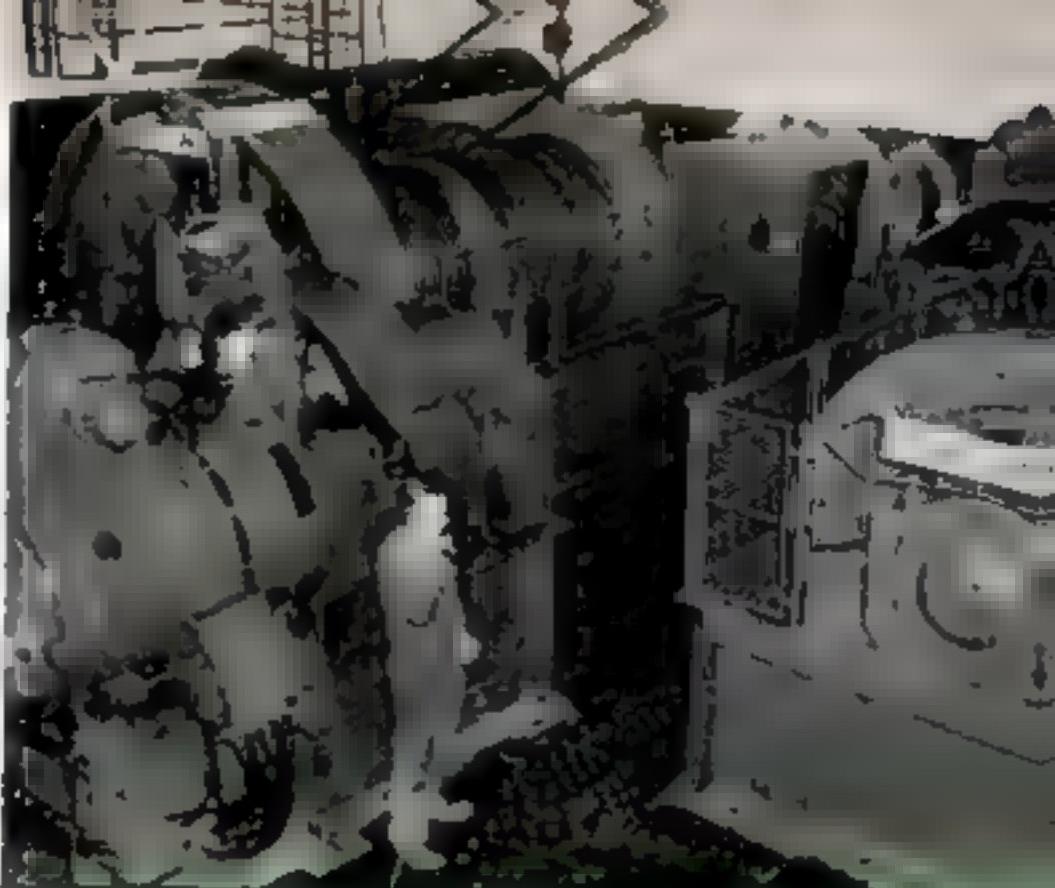
THE man who owns this German motorcycle doesn't need to put up with back-seat driving. He can have his wife ride way back in the one-wheel trailer, which is attached by a curving tubular-metal arm.

My Most Ongenious Solution



A storm knocked out the power at our house. The only alarm clock I had was an electric one and I had to get up early the next morning. The power company crew that was working near by assured me the power would be on before morning. I went to sleep confident of being awakened in time. Why?

I had set the radio to a station that I knew came on the air at 7 a.m. and turned the volume up full.—Leonard P. Stoltz, Haringen, Texas



FOURTEEN MOTORS, their 3,150 horsepower supplied by a Diesel generator, swing the 202-foot boom, toss out the bucket, drag it in and operate the giant's "legs."

Walking Shovel Scoops 27 Tons

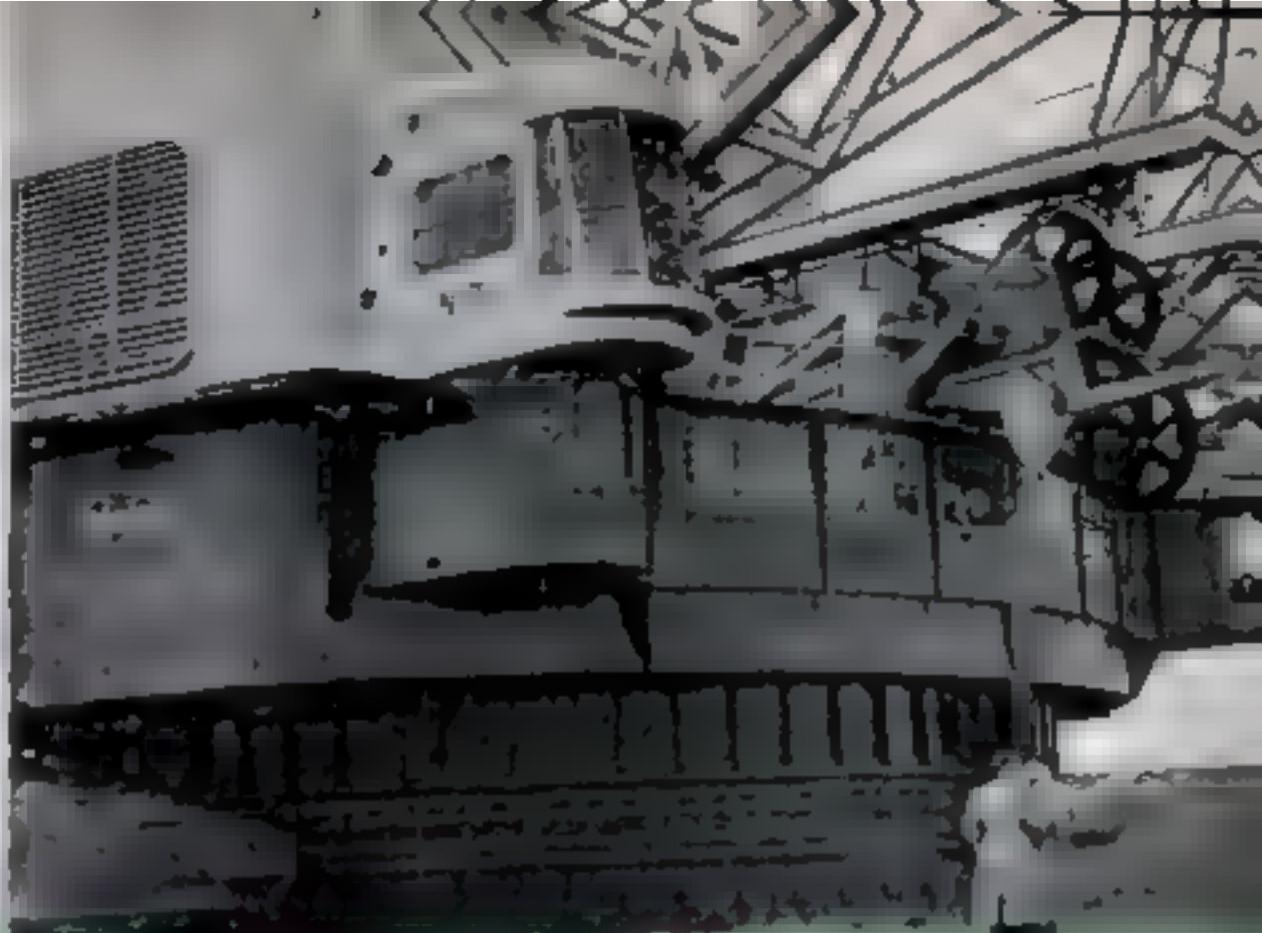
TAKING seven-foot strides on broad feet of steel, this huge British crane moves by hopping instead of crawling like a caterpillar. Said to be the largest "walking" dragline ever built, it weighs 1,600 tons and can scoop up 27 tons at a bite.





ONE MAN HANDLES THE CONTROLS in a small cabin above the machinery room. From the outside (shown in the photo at right), the control cabin resembles a ship's bridge.

BUCKET WEIGHS 22 TONS when empty and 49 tons full. The crane is used for opencut iron



BUCKLUKE FEET OF THE CRANE are visible at far left and right (beyond the men) above. Motors move feet ahead or back, plant them firmly, then shift crane's huge body.

mining in eastern England. Building it took Ransomes and Rapier, Ltd., four years.

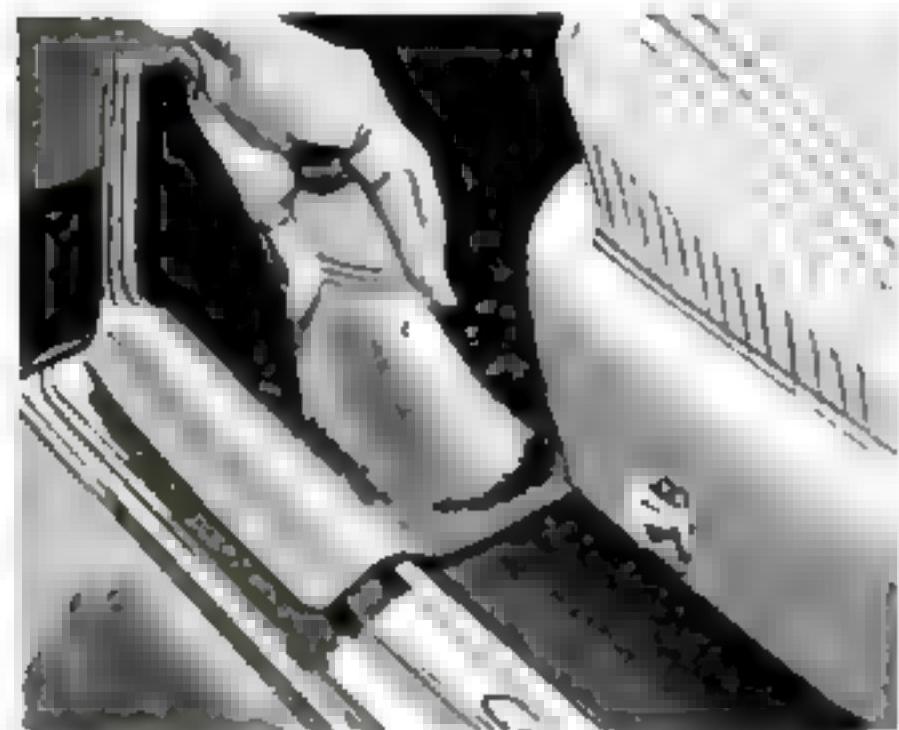


I'd like to see them make . . .

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AUXILIARY AUTO TOPS attached with suction cups, to reflect heat of the sun. Air flowing between surfaces would also help to cool car.—E. E. Youngkin, Altoona, Pa.



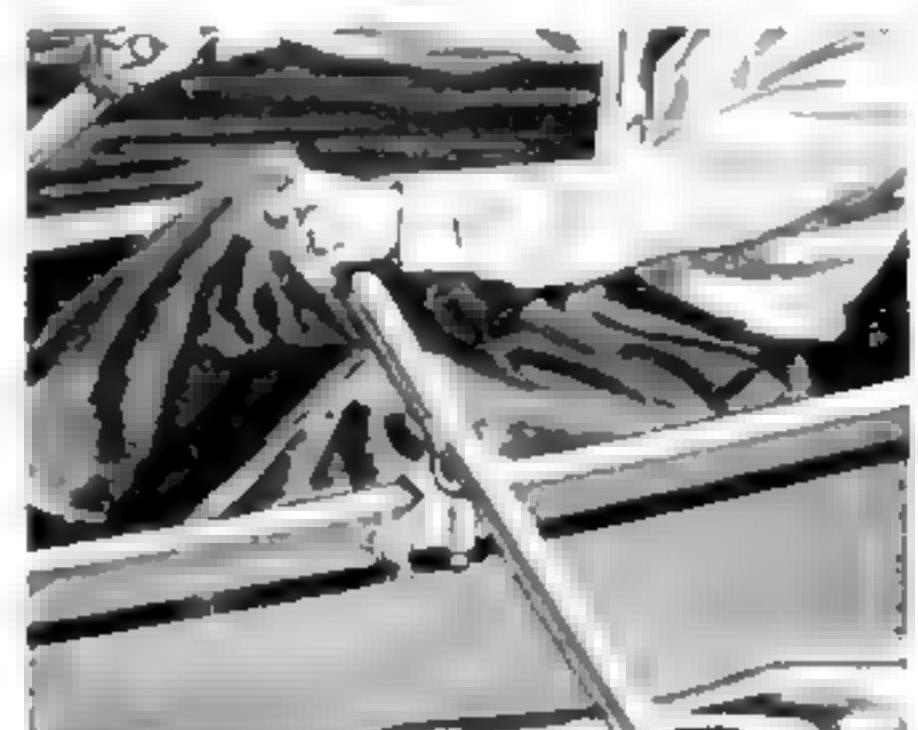
AUTO FLOOR MATS WITH A FLAP to be placed over the door sill when sweeping out the car. Flap would fold under when not in use.—Roy McGuckin, Fairlawn, N. J.



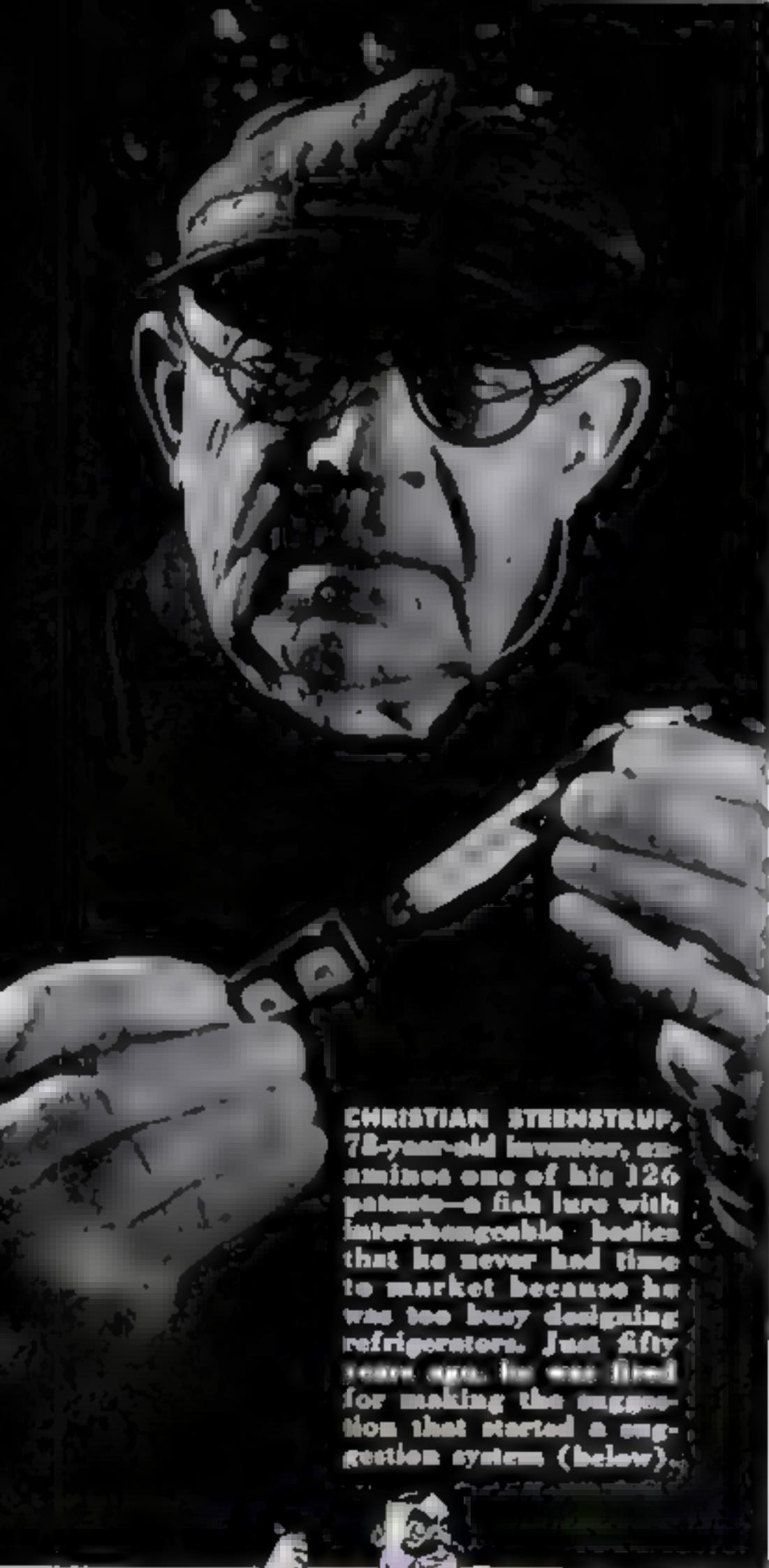
A GARDEN SPADE WITH SHORT PRONGS so that you could dig into hard earth without first softening it with a pitchfork.—Richard Johnnesen Jr., Yonkers, N. Y.



A DRIER ATTACHMENT FOR WASHING MACHINES, consisting of blower, motor and heating element. It would attach to open door of washer.—Charles M. Werner, Chevy Chase, Md.



ATTACHABLE OARLOCKS that could be clamped to any part of a rowboat or sailboat for extra rowing power or as an aid to steering.—Robert Marie, Fort Wayne, Ind.



CHRISTIAN STEENSTRUP, 78-year-old inventor, examines one of his 126 patents—a fish lure with interchangeable bodies that he never had time to market because he was too busy designing refrigerators. Just fifty years ago he was fired for making the suggestion that started a suggestion system (below).

He 'Invented' a Way for You to Make Money

Fired for suggesting his first idea, Christian Steenstrup made it possible for other employees to cash in on theirs.

By Philip Gustafson

THE little fellow with the big idea is cashing in these days to the tune of millions of dollars. Suggestion plans adopted by employers have made this possible. One of the first well-rounded plans for encouraging workers to think, and paying them for it, was formally launched by General Electric in 1922. Since then, this company alone has paid out \$3,218,000 in awards.

The man who offered the first suggestion at General Electric, however, got fired for it.

He was Christian Steenstrup, a serious young toolmaker from Denmark who still spoke English with difficulty. While walking through the Schenectady factory one day, Steenstrup was depressed by the sight of the hands of the men who were feeding the pounding, grinding, roaring machines. From many of those men's hands, thumbs and fingers were missing.



The memory haunted the young man, and he began to study the bloodthirsty machines during his lunch periods. Nights, he worked at his drawing board and, after many false starts, he evolved an automatic feeder that he knew would save men's fingers—and perhaps their arms or lives. It would also increase production.

Excitedly, Steenstrup took his sketches to his foreman. Handing them back with a sour look, the foreman told him that the company had plenty of engineers to work out its inventions. But Steenstrup had faith in his idea. When his regular foreman was out sick, he showed the sketches to the substitute. This man asked Steenstrup to build a model of his automatic feeder. Over a single week end, Steenstrup threw one together.

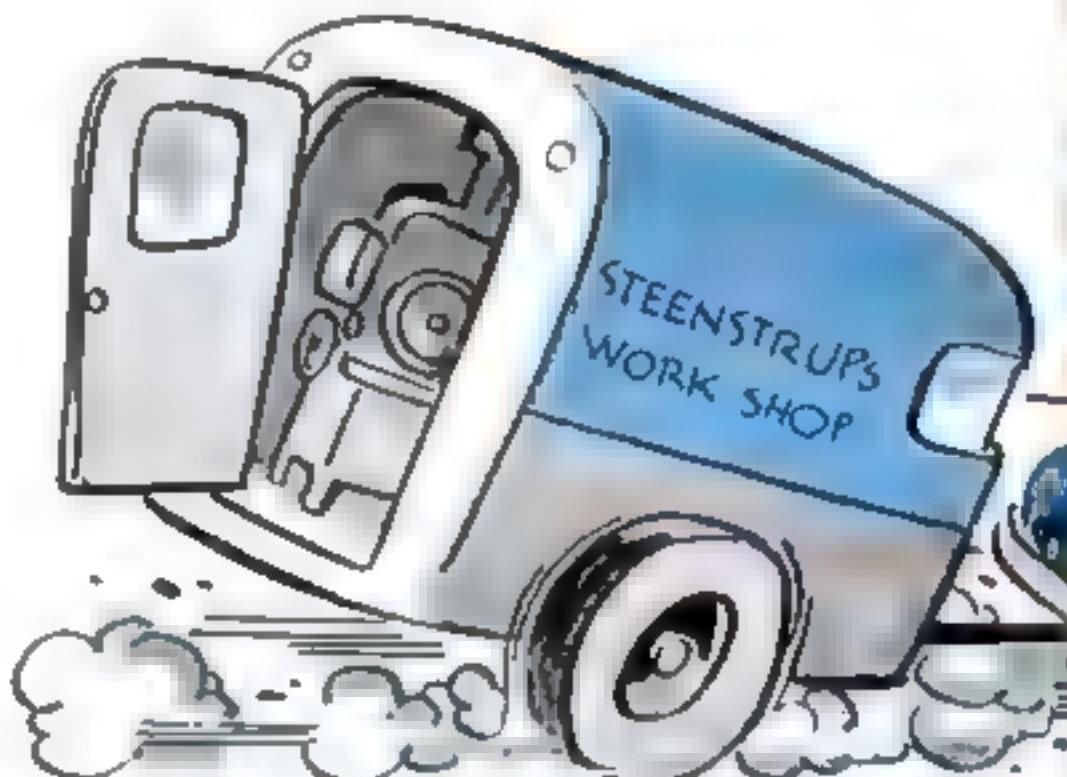
Suggestion for Suggestions

It did everything as he had hoped. It increased production and protected materials and workmen's fingers. But when the regular foreman returned, he fired Steenstrup.

Luckily, the manager of the factory heard about the incident and called Steenstrup back to work. Shaken by the experience, Steenstrup thought of other employees who might have valuable ideas and not be able to get a hearing. And he convinced the factory manager that the company should set up some neutral channel through which employees could submit ideas and be paid off in cash and promotions.

The idea was not wholly new. National Cash Register had gone into the suggestion business in 1894, and Eastman Kodak had

started its plan in 1898. But such plans spread slowly at first. Steenstrup became chairman of the General Electric suggestion committee in 1919, pumped life into it, helped to make it one of the largest such systems in the world, and other companies



When he leaves home, his workshop goes

followed suit. Now a national association of 475 members has sprung up to spread the know-how of handling new ideas.

Christian Steenstrup himself became one of the country's leading inventors, with 126 patents. He is retired now, but still thinking, and working in a home workshop—and his reminiscences constitute a great American success story.

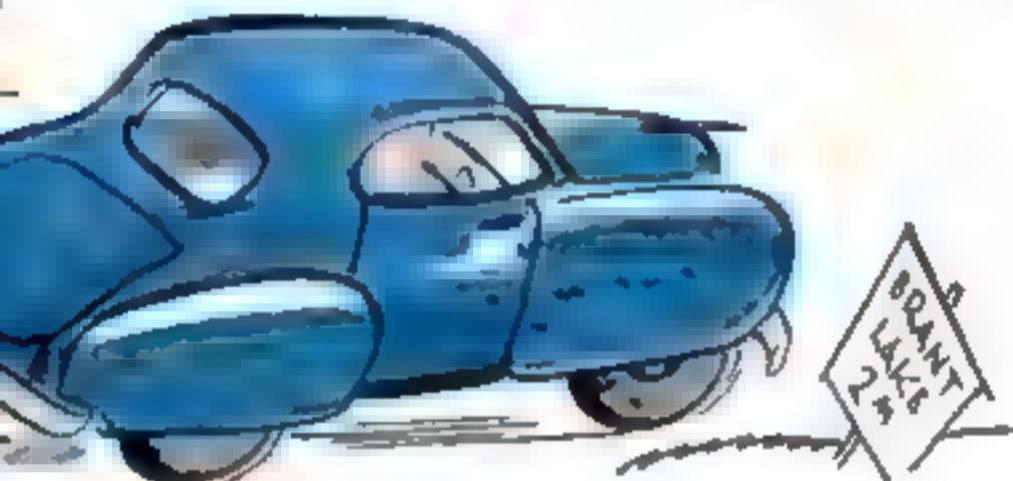
He became an apprentice in a foundry at 14, came to America as a journeyman when he was 20, worked day and night turning



"Bed is a wonderful place to think," insists Steenstrup. "I've done my best thinking in bed."

out gun models for the American Ordnance Co. during the Spanish-American War, and went to work for the General Electric Co. as a toolmaker in 1901. During his 44 years with that company, he made creative contributions that added millions of dollars to the nation's industrial wealth.

Soon after he invented the finger-saving device, and became a missionary for Suggestion Systems, he was made foreman of a department devoted to experimental work in new processes, and to the designing of special machines such as edgewise winding



with him: "Suppose I think of something!"

tools, peculiar to the electrical industry. Here he was in his element, with ample scope for the exercise of a natural inventive talent.

The manufacture of turbines for generating equipment became increasingly important at General Electric. Sweden had developed a new type of steam turbine, and Steenstrup was sent to study both the manufacturing and operation of steam turbines there. When he returned he was put in charge of the building of several giant turbines, and his work substantially increased the efficiency of those great power plants.

Another promotion followed. He became supervisor of mechanical research, directly responsible for the design of special equipment throughout the Schenectady plant.

Two Awards in a Row

GE research men had long known the possibilities of the hydrogen copper-brazing process. But no one thought it was practical for commercial work, except Steenstrup. Despite dark predictions, he applied the hydrogen brazing process to manufacturing and won the Charles A. Coffin Award, which is bestowed annually on the man or woman in the company who has done the most for the progress of industry. The process he developed is used today to make the hun-

dreds of miles of tubing that are the life-lines of automobiles and airplanes.

Later, Steenstrup received a second Coffin Award for his part in placing the refrigerator in the prominent position it occupies in industry and American homes. His refrigeration experiments began in 1923. General Electric had been experimenting for years with hermetically sealed units that were cumbersome and expensive. The GE unit then had a heavy bronze case which added much to its cost. Steenstrup was asked to design a new case and an evaporator to fit the compressor.

Helped Create a New Industry

He decided that he could also make a better compressor. He then designed and put into operation a complete refrigeration machine which retained the advantages of hermetic sealing and yet was efficient, simple and economical to manufacture. That machine was the prototype of millions of sealed refrigeration units which followed. It created a multi-million-dollar industry.

The retirement six years ago of "the

Champion Suggester

To show what Suggestion Systems can do for employees, General Electric officials like to cite the case of Sophie Baikusis, a widow with two children, who once had a routine job assembling insulators. When she suggested a way to improve the insulators, her floor boss snickered. A woman, thinking up inventions! But Steenstrup's philosophy had been accepted by then, and the floor boss told Mrs. Baikusis to write her idea down. Her two cents' worth won a \$35 award.

But that was only the beginning. She submitted suggestion after suggestion, was called back 54 times to receive awards, built a four-room cottage and sent her children through school with the proceeds, and eventually won the company's Coffin Award.

Father of the Refrigerator" at the age of 72 has not changed the inventor's habits much. He used to be up at four every morning. Now he doesn't get out of bed at that hour—he just lies and thinks until perhaps six or seven o'clock. "Bed is a wonderful place to think," he insists. "I've always done my best thinking while lying in bed."

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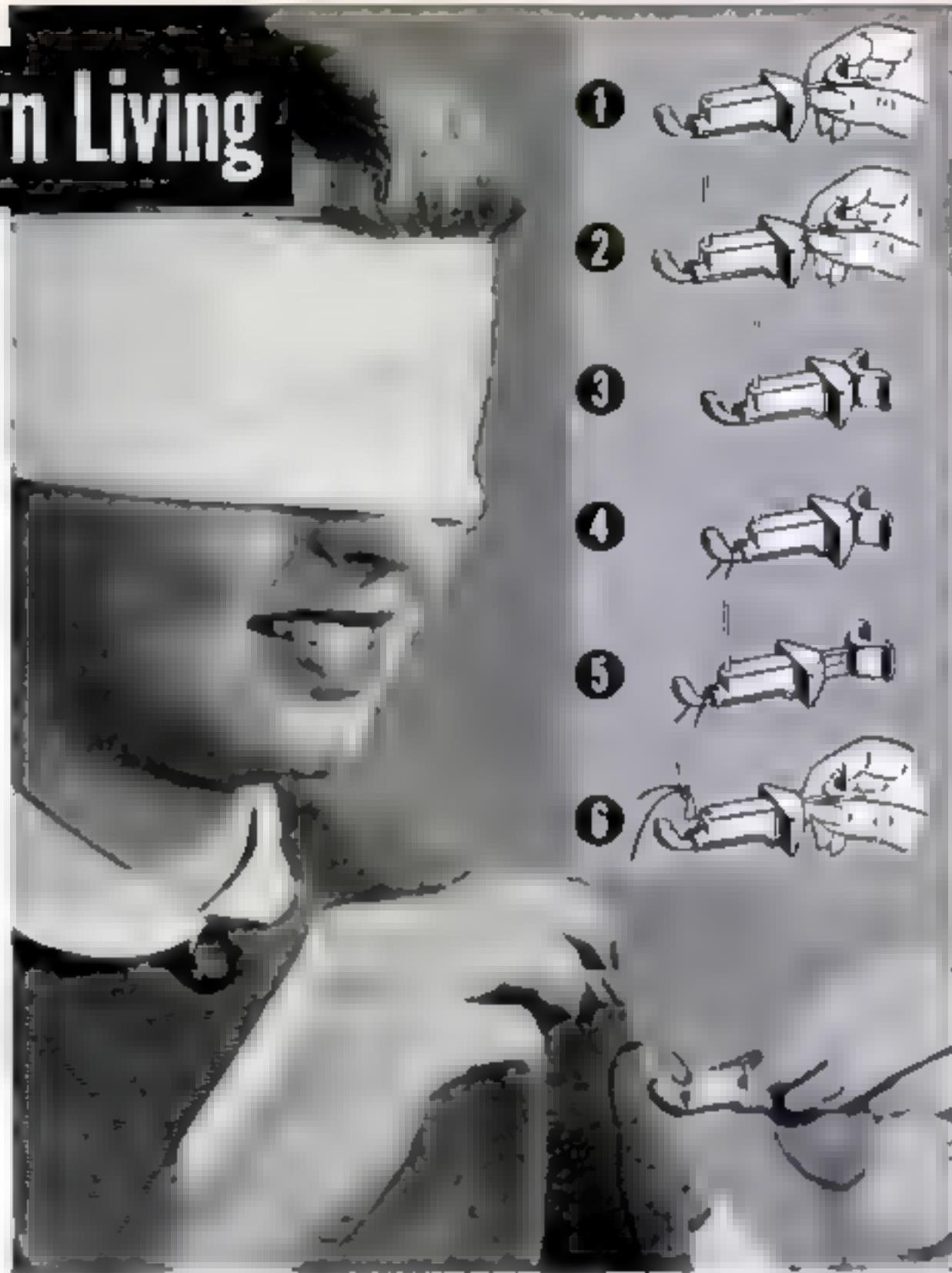
Aids to Modern Living

Needle Threader. With this gadget even a man could thread a needle blindfolded. A plunger with spring action does the job in a jiffy.

As shown in the drawings at far right, the plunger is pulled back, the needle is inserted eye down and the plunger is then released. The thread is next looped over the end of the Bakelite threader and the plunger drawn back again. A tiny wire hook engages the thread, revolves the needle to place the eye in the proper position and draws the thread through.

The container that the threader comes in has a clamp for holding it steady. Sewing-machine needles can also be threaded. *Wink Needle Threader Co., Brooklyn.*

Electric Honer. The motor-driven sharpener below takes the work out of keeping sharp edges on the kitchen knives. It plugs into an AC outlet. *Herbert's Inc., Seattle.*



Grinder Mount. A housewife invented this aluminum food-grinder stand. It fits any sink, won't scratch, lets drippings run into sink. *Gadget of the Month Club, Los Angeles*



Flatware Washer. Just fill the Sinkette with soapy water and stand the silverware inside to soak clean. Rinse by flushing clear water through intake funnel. *Chemex Corp., N.Y.C.*





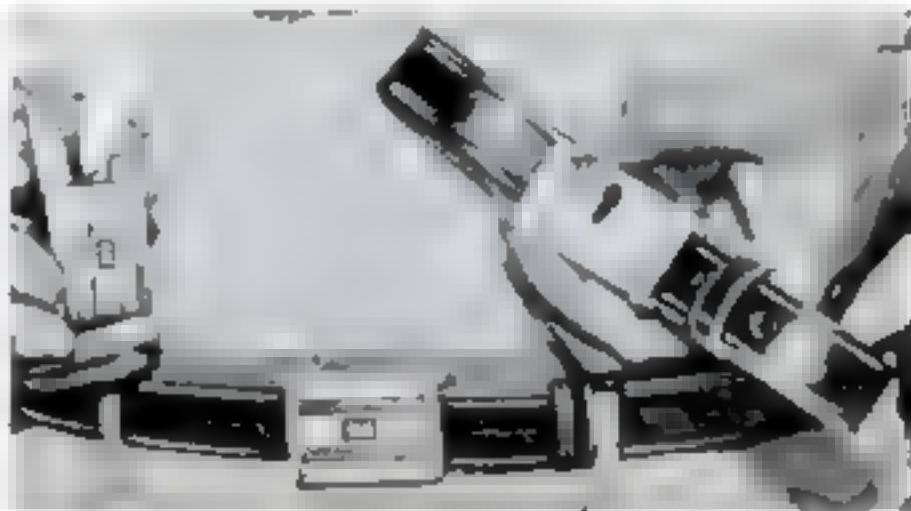
Tarnish Preventive. This transparent plastic coating, applied with a brush, seals in the gleam of any metal. To remove the Vinylite-resin film, prick and peel off. *Merchants Chemical Co., Stamford, Conn.*



Foot Warmer. Plugged into an electric outlet, this little rubber mat will keep toes toasty on a cold floor. It contains no heater wires, being made of conductive rubber. *Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron.*



Two-Way Clock. If power fails, this electric clock still keeps time. A hand-wound spring drive takes over till current is restored. *Duplex Clock Co., Chicago.*



Buckle-Lighter. A cigarette lighter forms the face of this belt buckle. It slides on and off easily and has a full-size fluid well. *Krimstock Brothers, Philadelphia.*

Hand Warmer. Tiny heaters like this tucked in gloves or pockets will keep hands warm in zero weather. Chemical reaction makes the heat. *Edmund Scientific Corp., Barrington, N. J.*

Wallpaper Coating. Crayon scribbings on the wallpaper wash off if you have applied this resin finish. Said to make any color-fast paper washable. *Plasti-Kote, Inc., Cleveland.*

Multipurpose Cart. This versatile truck is tea wagon in winter, patio cart in summer, shopping and laundry hauler all year round. Folds flat for storage. *The Stones, Glendale, Calif.*



Sharkfighters Tackle 'Em with Spear Guns





BIGGEST KILL TO DATE was this huge hammerhead shark. Left to right are Charlie Almei-

da, Al Crockett, Ernie Ryckman and Wally Pallack. Three-hour fight landed the big fish.

It looks like a short cut to suicide—but you can't beat spear fishing for thrills. Try it and you're hooked.

By Denis Snelgr

DOWN around the Florida Keys—those sunbaked stepping stones that dribble away into the Gulf of Mexico from the southernmost tip of the U.S.A.—you'll find a little group of guys who pursue one of the dazziest—and deadliest—pastimes ever devised by man.

This sport in which grown men in their right minds deliberately seek the dubious companionship of the shark, the barracuda and the vicious moray eel is known as spear fishing.

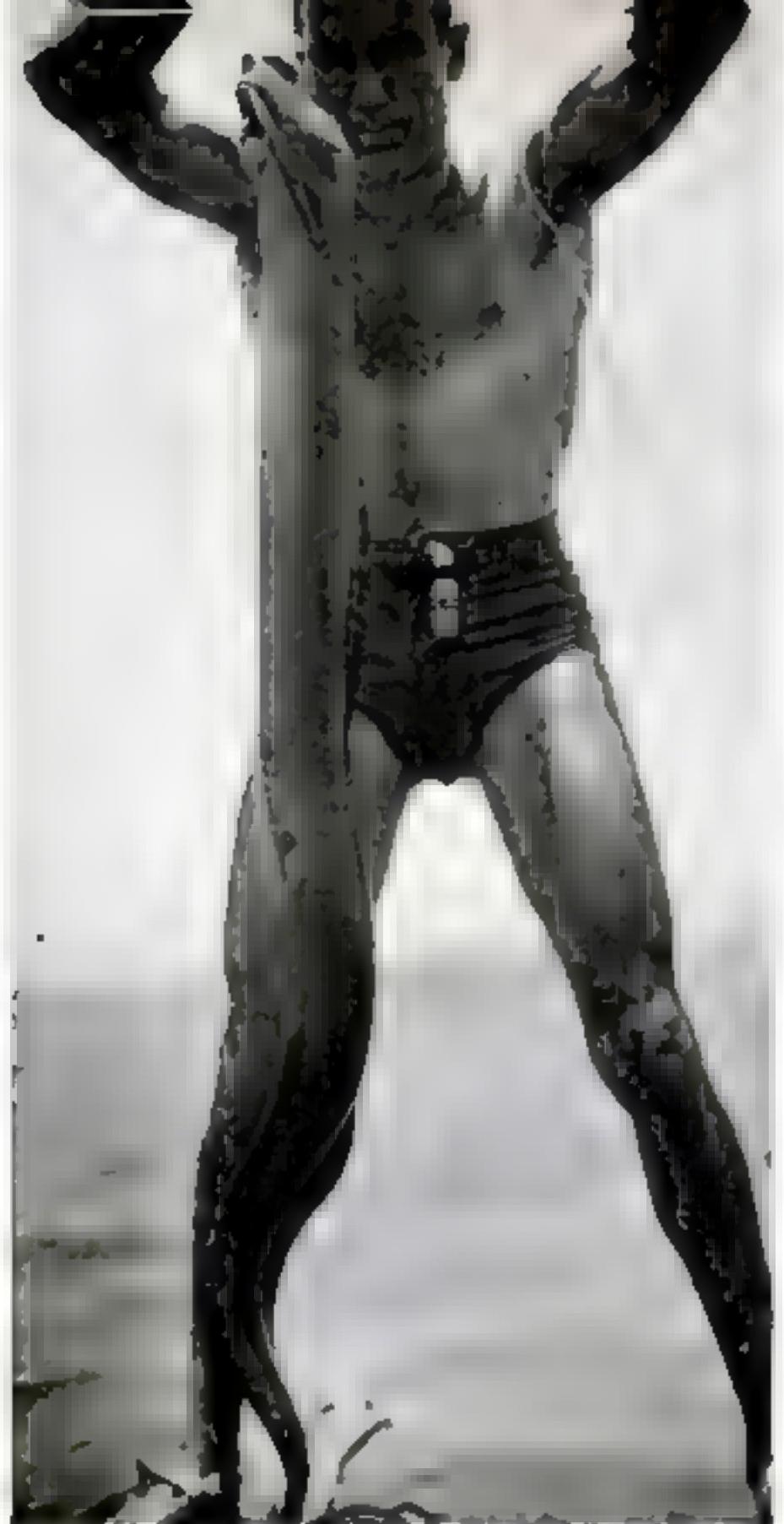
If this is fishing, Izaak Walton took in a bit too much territory when he titled his classic tome *The Compleat Angler*, for the worthy Izaak never dreamed of anything like this. There's no rod, no reel, no bait, no net. They don't catch 'em—they shoot 'em. And these fabulous fishermen stand an uncomfortably good chance of getting hooked by their quarry instead of the other way around.

Spear Fishing Pays for Itself

Charlie Almeida, Wally Pallack and Ernie Ryckman—three old hands at the game—will tell you proudly that their favorite sport pays for itself. The proceeds from the sale of the food fish they bring in—snappers, groupers, turtles, jewfish, lobsters and such marine delicacies—more than cover the cost of the necessary equipment. So, unless a man places a certain value on life and limb,

BARRACUDA abounds in waters off Key West. Experts say the vicious fish will attack men. Charlie Almeida shot this one after it had stolen a big snapper that he had speared.



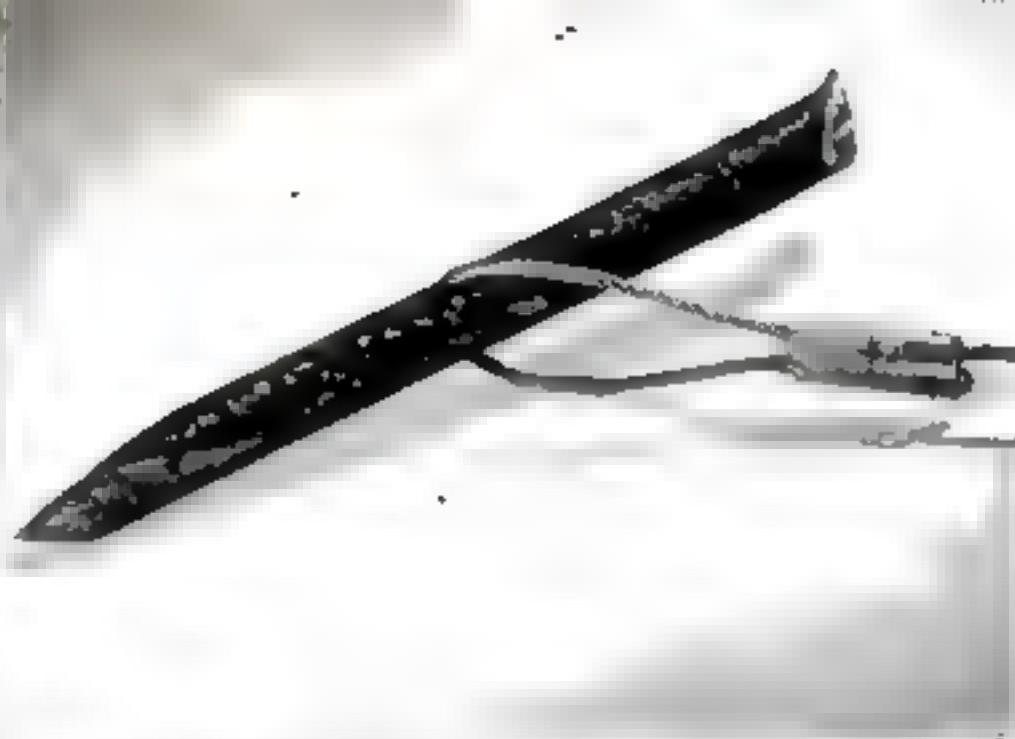


MORAY EELS have a mouthful of sharp teeth and a crabby disposition. They frequent holes in coral. Ernie Ryckman holds big one that charged him from under coral ledge.

he really hasn't a thing to lose when he goes spear fishing.

The three daredevils don't have to do it for a living anyway—Charlie plays in the band in the Bamboo Room, a Key West night spot, Wally's a Navy CPO, Ernie a carpenter. They do make spear guns in their spare time and sell them to fellow enthusiasts, but they fish for the fun of it. Tag along on one of their seagoing safaris, and you can judge for yourself.

Before you slip over the side of the 14-foot outboard-powered boat to duel with some of the ugliest customers of the Florida deep, take your choice of weapons: the rubber gun, powered by eight 18-inch lengths of the kind of surgical rubber tubing the doctor wraps around your arm when he takes your blood pressure, or the CO₂,



SPEARHEAD is $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch cold-rolled steel four inches long. One end is ground to a point, other drilled for 5/16-inch spear. Head pivots on loop of 1/16-inch aircraft cable.

gun. When you pull the trigger on the latter, compressed carbon dioxide gas launches the spear with terrific force.

The rubber gun is lighter and easier to use, and it floats; the CO₂ weapon packs more punch. The fact that it won't float doesn't bother these boys—if both hands are needed underwater, the gun is parked on a coral ledge on the ocean floor.

Next come flippers for your feet, like the Navy frogmen's, and a face mask (this sport is also called "goggle-fishing"), which doesn't provide any additional oxygen but does permit clear underwater vision. Tuck a knife in your trunks—handy for minor emergencies like wrestling a mako shark—and you're set to tangle with turtle or tarpon. But first, let's watch the experts.

Shark Puts Up a Whale of a Battle

October 5, 1951, marked a high point on the calendar for these guys to whom adventure is meat and drink. On that particular and wonderful morning it was a foursome—Al Crockett, another Navy man, being in the boat. They were out hunting jewfish—a giant (up to 750 pounds) member of the grouper family and a prized food fish.

The four men were just lazing along taking it easy when, at the same instant, Crockett and Charlie caught the sun's glint on a huge dorsal fin cutting the shallow water off Boca Chica Key. All thoughts of sluggish groupers were forgotten—they were after hammerhead shark. A float was fixed to a spear gun. They got the boat over there fast and drew in close enough to get the first spear into him just below the mouth. As the great fish rolled, one of the men grabbed the float. The hammerhead pointed his blunt snout for the open sea and the



CARBON DIOXIDE GUN (top) is made from CO₂ fire extinguisher with handle turned 90 degrees. Wooden gun (bottom), powered by surgical rubber tubing, works like slingshot.

chase was on. Three more spears went into the shark. He flipped over, snapping the lines like thread, and broke free.

At this point Pallack went overside, got hold of the trailing lines, and it was secured to the boat. The shark kept traveling. Now Ryckman went into the water. He attacked the creature with his knife, slashing repeatedly at the belly. He was knocked away by the thrashing tail. With

When spear is shot, shaft drops off and head passes through fish, turning sideways to lock on. A 12-foot cable connects head to gun; a 10-foot cable connects shaft to gun.

no signs of tiring, the hammerhead redoubled his efforts to reach blue water.

To hold him back Charlie turned up full throttle on the 25-horsepower Mercury engine. The resulting tug of war was about even, with the killer fish having a bit the better of it. Pallack accepted a second invitation to sudden suicide. Knife in hand, he again dived into the churning water. That

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Woman Scientist Spears Rare Poison Fish in Red Sea

SPEAR FISHING, primarily a thrilling sport, sometimes serves the cause of science, too. Dr. Eugenie Clark, attractive 29-year-old Research Associate of the American Museum of Natural History and probably the only woman who dives underwater to spear marine specimens, recently spent 10 months at Ghardaqa, on the Red Sea in Egypt, collecting rare poisonous fish.

Her researches were carried out at the Marine Biological Station of Fouad University in an isolated spot at the edge of the Sahara Desert. Specimens wanted alive were captured in nets; others were collected by poisoning a partly enclosed body of water. But Dr. Clark says her most exciting experience was underwater spear fishing.

Along with her reactions as a scientist, she responded—with a woman's eye for the aesthetic—to the weird beauty beneath the surface: "It's like a forest of multi-colored trees and plants. The sea anemones, actually invertebrate animals,

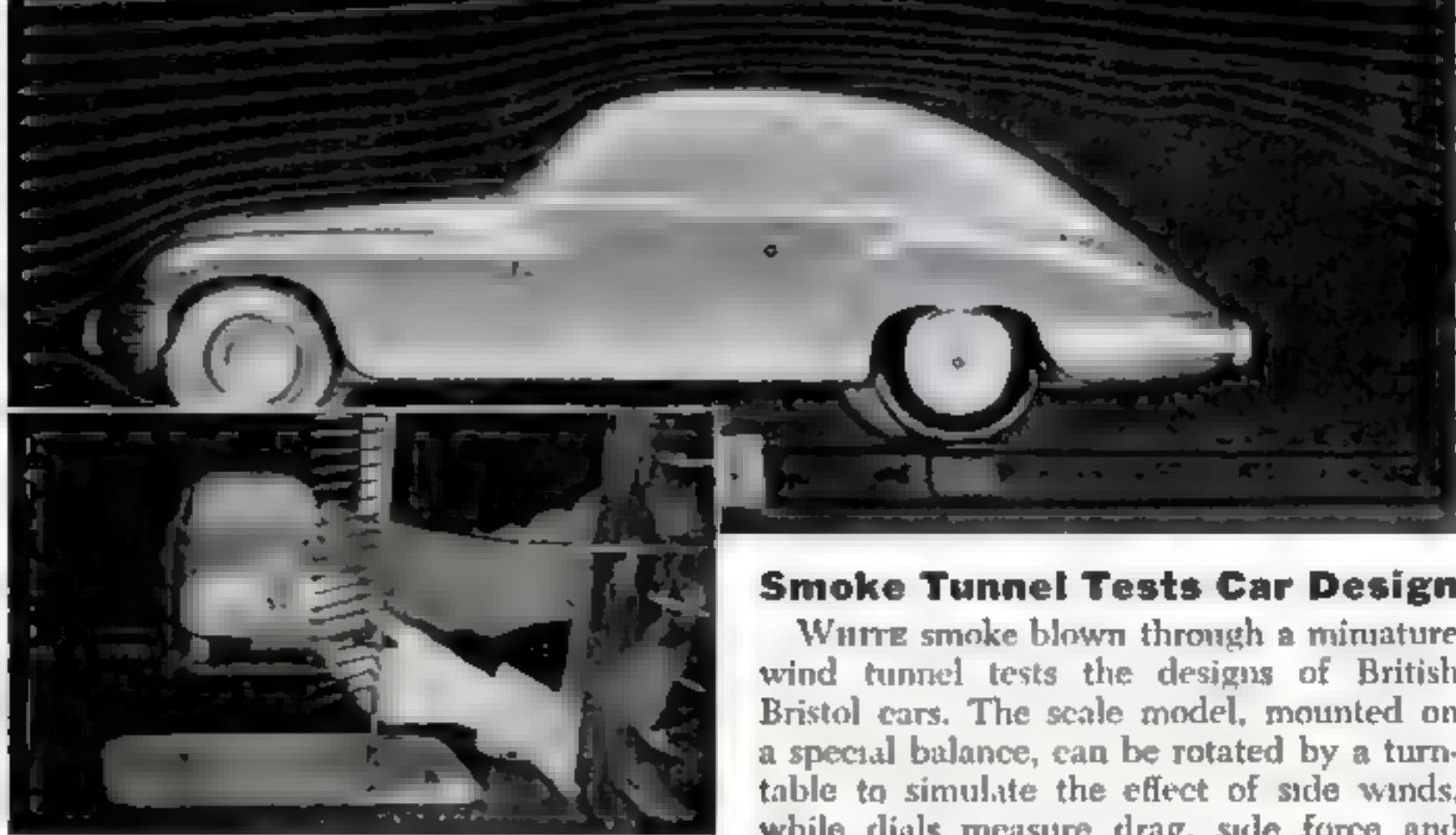


Photo courtesy of American Museum of Natural History

look more like bright-hued flowers, and marine tube worms with their plumed heads add to the magic of the underwater world."

Dr. Clark had a bad scare, however, when her husband, an orthopedic surgeon, visited her and decided to try his hand at spear fishing. A gigantic barracuda apparently mistook his white sneakers for two small fish and came streaking toward him. Dr. Clark told her husband "softly but firmly" to get back in the boat.

The barracuda went hungry—but the incident spoiled spear fishing for Eugenie Clark for several days thereafter.



Smoke Tunnel Tests Car Design

White smoke blown through a miniature wind tunnel tests the designs of British Bristol cars. The scale model, mounted on a special balance, can be rotated by a turn-table to simulate the effect of side winds, while dials measure drag, side force and pitching and yawing tendencies. A tube (not visible) in front of the model shows the speed of the breeze from a fan driven by a six-horsepower electric motor. Close-up at left shows jet pipes that spew the smoke.



75 years ago this month

Popular Science Monthly reported:

"ON SUNDAY, November 26th, Prof. A. Graham Bell experimented with the 'telephone' on the wires of the Eastern Railroad Company between Boston and Salem. Prof. Bell was assisted at the Boston end of the line by two operators, and Mr. Thomas A. Watson by one operator at the Salem end. According to the account published in the Commonwealth of Boston, conversation was carried on with Mr. Watson at Salem, by all those present, in turn, without any difficulty, even the voices of the speakers being easily recognized."



Life Guard Rings a Bell

BECAUSE water sometimes has a fatal attraction for children, James H. Robertson of North Hollywood, Calif., worried about unguarded swimming pools. To make them safer, he invented a metal float which he claims will sound off an alarm in the house should anyone fall into the water. Ripples tipping the float cause a bell to ring.

Pampered parkers and contented cows travel to sunny California Pullman-style, but it's just as well they don't know where they're going when they board . . .

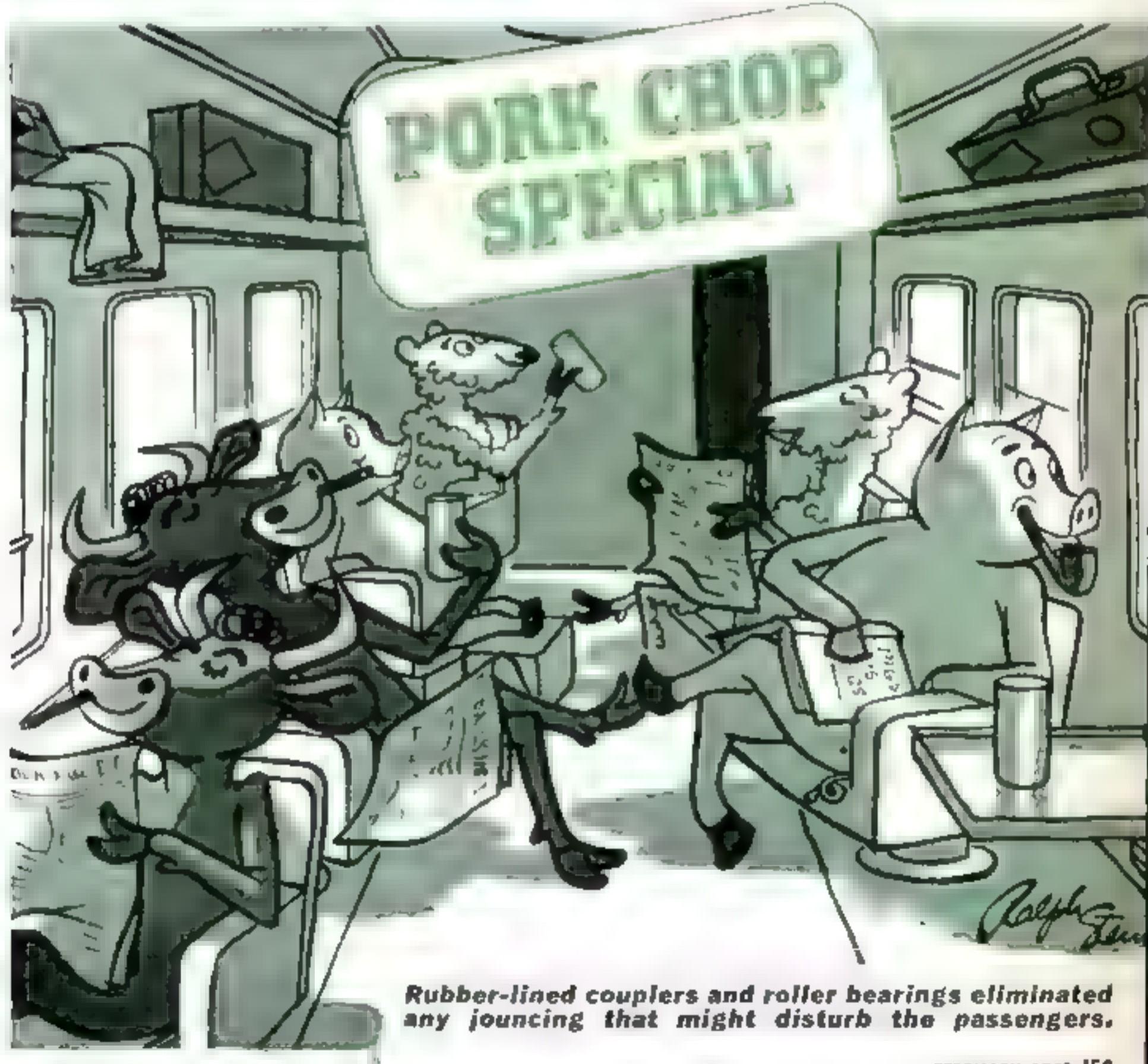
America's Fastest Freight

By Andrew R. Boone

AT 12:29 P.M., Union Pacific's No. 299—the only train of its kind in America—stood in the yards at Salt Lake City ready to roll. Westward-bound for Los Angeles 755 miles away, she had been meticulously checked and serviced, from her gleaming Diesel power plant to her de luxe caboose

with its pastel green interior and deep-cushioned seats.

At 12:30 on the nose, the engineer—with specific instructions to avoid any jerks or jolts in getting under way—opened the throttle with delicate precision. Forty-five-hundred horsepower eased the three-quarter-mile-long train forward as gently as a mother wheeling a brand-new baby. As the



Rubber-lined couplers and roller bearings eliminated any jouncing that might disturb the passengers.



Multiple-unit Diesel locomotive hauls 2,500-ton train smoothly across desert and mountain.



cars began to move, rubber-lined couplers absorbed the shock. And as 299 headed for open country and accelerated to a mile-a-minute pace (she was due to pull into L.A. at 3:30 next afternoon), roller bearings and antisway snubbers eliminated any jouncing that might disturb the passengers.

Complaints, however, were unlikely. The occupants of the train's 68 cars were not business tycoons, carefree vacationists or movie actors Hollywood-bound. They were hogs, sheep and cattle—potential pork chops, lamb chops and sirloin steaks destined for the meat markets of the Los Angeles area.

No Train Quite Like It

Of all the 17,000 freight trains moving mountains of merchandise every day as they crisscross the 3,000-mile-wide face of the U.S.A., there is none quite like UP's No. 299, known to stockmen as the DLS, short for Day Livestock Special.

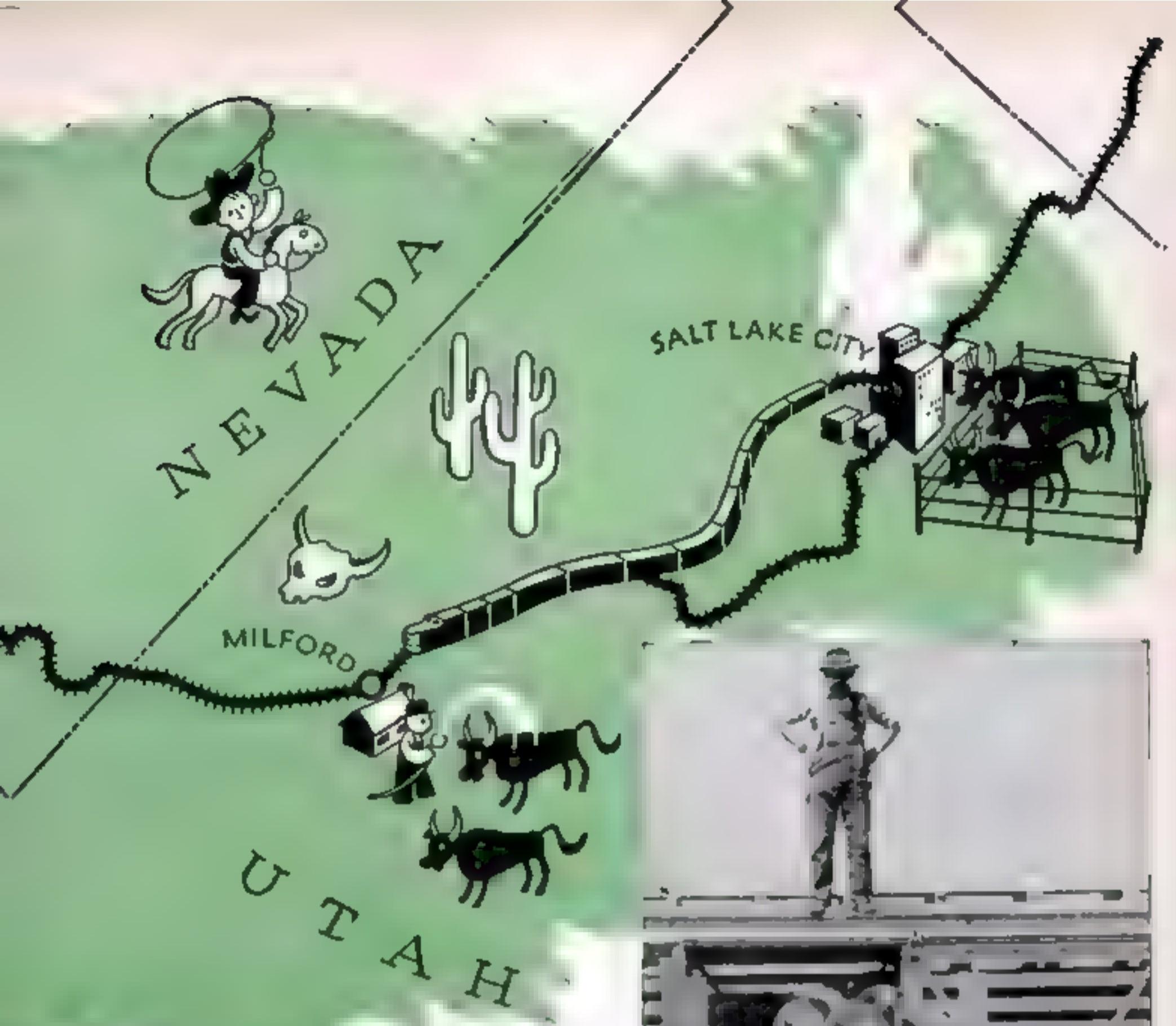
In the hierarchy of railroad trains, the

DLS occupies a position somewhere between a crack streamliner like UP's City of Los Angeles and an ordinary freight train. Centralized Traffic Control in Salt Lake City will shunt the DLS to a siding to let the streamliner speed past—but the DLS is accorded the same privilege over all other merchandisers.

Permitted a maximum speed of 60 m.p.h.—10 m.p.h. faster than any other freight—the Special has many "luxury" features that smooth the trip for her cargo of filet mignon and ham sandwiches on the hoof.

This unique carrier receives a load of livestock daily at the Ogden-Salt Lake stockyards where they are brought in by other freight trains from Montana, Idaho and as far east as Peoria, Ill. Both single- and double-deck cars are carried—single for cows, double for hogs and sheep. Twenty cattle to a car, about 130 hogs, 200 sheep.

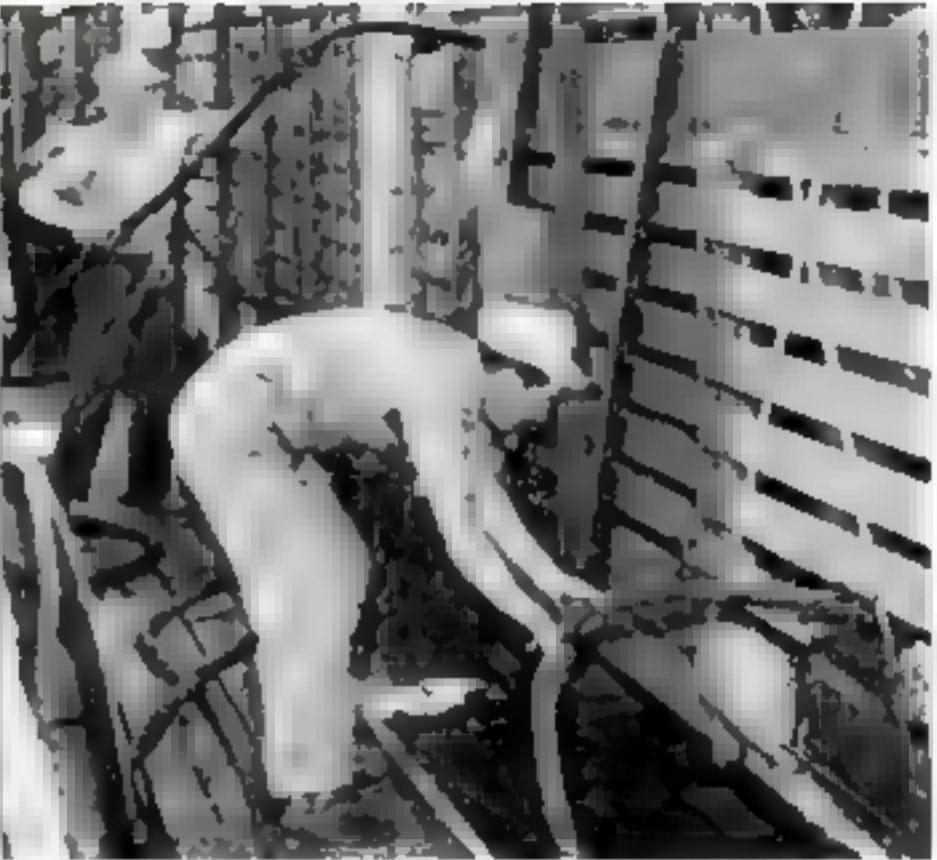
Before the stock are loaded, a four-inch bed of sand is deposited on the floor of each



ALUMINUM PAINT on ends and roofs of cars reflects the heat of the sun and helps keep animals cool while the Livestock Special is crossing the desert.



FAT PORKERS march into upper deck at North Salt Lake. Size determines number 60 to 90 on each deck. These are "top butchers," weighing 180 to 290 pounds apiece.



IN CABOOSE, Trainmaster Wayne Kirkeby, substituting for rear brakeman, keeps a sharp lookout for hotboxes from left side of cupola. Smoking axles are a rarity on the DLS.

car, to give the animals a better footing. The cars are specially painted to reflect the heat during the desert crossing. And on hot days the stock enjoy a refreshing shower at each of two way stations, when the train is hosed down at Milford, Utah, and Yermo, Calif. And (New York subways take note!) overcrowding of the cars is avoided.

Why all the rush and special provisions?

Well, it seems there is a Federal law which states that animals may not be held aboard a train longer than 28 hours unless the shippers sign a release, and then for only 36 hours. After that, stock must be de-trained before continuing their journey.

DLS Is Much More Humane

Before the DLS was put into service, Las Vegas—449 miles southwest of Salt Lake—was the stopping place. Here every head of stock was unloaded, fed and watered—then loaded back on again to continue the trip west. It was a slow business. Drovers—and in the summer, schoolboys—went along as nursemaids for the cattle and hogs. The train ambled along for two and a half days, and many of the stock, jammed into the old-style cars, were bruised and injured. Aside from the humane angle, this meant a heavy loss of meat in the packing house.

The answer was a train fast enough to beat the 28-hour deadline and deliver the goods in prime condition. The DLS does the job. No gravy train for its one-way passengers, it at least gives them a comfortable ride on their way to hog heaven. It covers

A COOL SHOWER refreshes the livestock as the train halts for this operation at Yermo, Calif. Water is squirted onto the sand beds, but not directly on the pigs.

those 785 miles across Utah and Nevada and over the 3,800-foot summit of Cajon Pass into Southern California in an actual running time of 25 hours 30 minutes.

And the DLS helps fill a vital need. In a hard-working America, people are eating more meat than ever before. The carloads hauled by the DLS have jumped from 14,583 five years ago to 22,216 in 1950. When the figures for 1951 are all in, UP men expect to top that again, with 25,000 cars of fresh meat rolling westward via the Pork Chop Special.

END



WHENEVER TRAIN STOPS, rear brakeman H. B. Roberts walks back with a flag and a flare to make sure no approaching train sneaks up. He has to hustle to catch the caboose.



Bus to Check Rays After A-Bomb

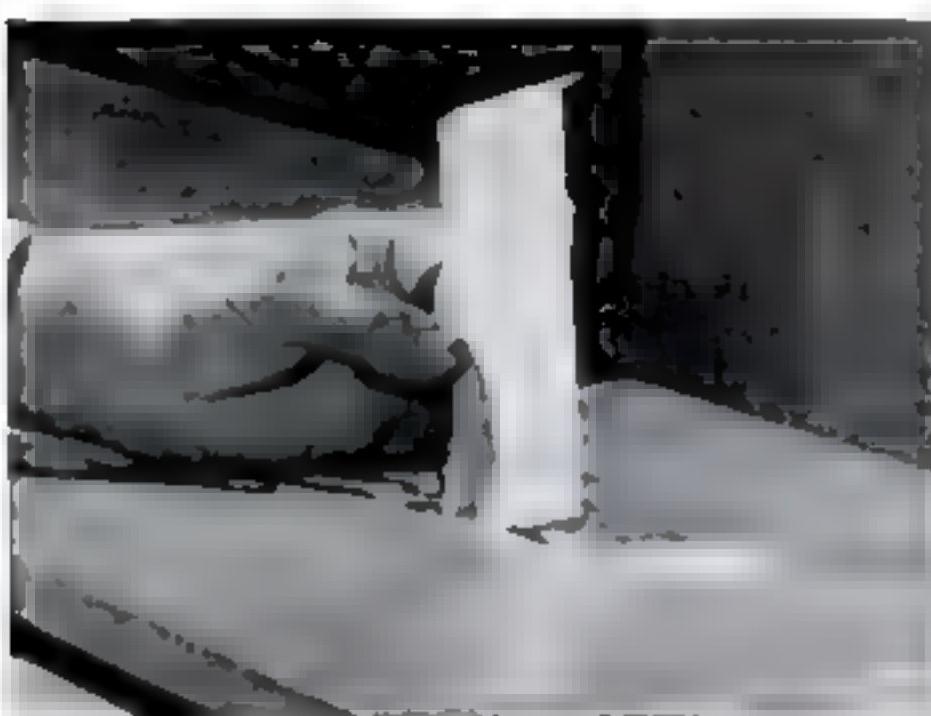
DESIGNED to rush to an A-bombed area and report radiation hazards by radio to civil-defense headquarters, Tennessee's new "mobile radiological laboratory" is believed to be the nation's first. The bus has its own power and water supplies as well as instruments (left) to test contamination of air, ground and drinking water.



Messages "Sail" Unwrapped Through Flat Pneumatic Tube

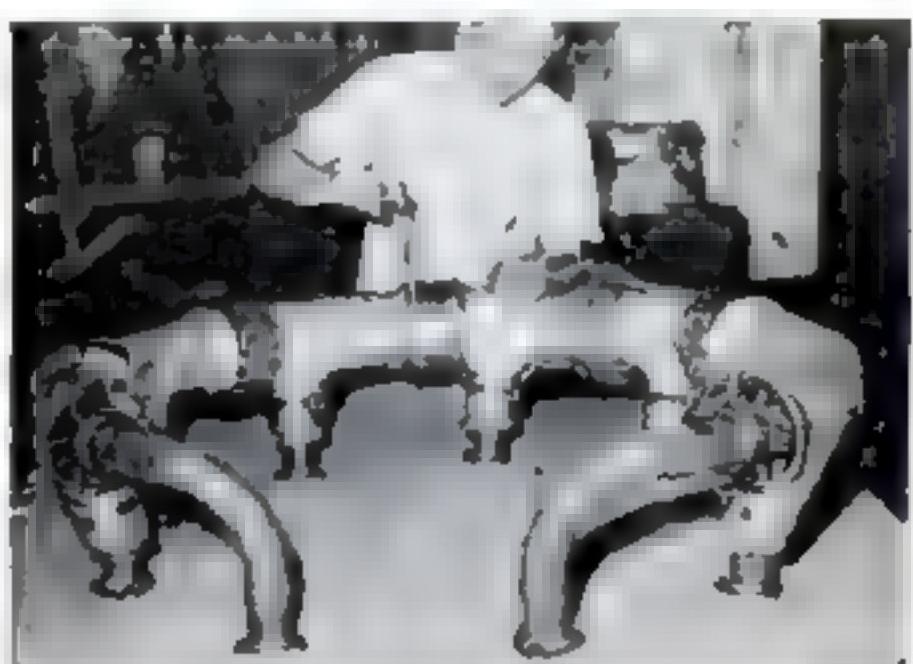
MESSAGES fly through a new pneumatic-tube system without needing to be put in carriers. The end of the stiff paper slip is folded to make a "sail," it goes into the tube (left below), and air pressure speeds it to the receiving end (right below). The oblong tube measures only $\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in

cross section. The first U.S. installation of the German system, made by International Telephone & Telegraph, is in the New York office of the Dun & Bradstreet credit agency. It summons data to answer an inquiry while a customer is still on the phone, eliminating calling back.



Helicopters Using New Metal

SILVERY titanium is finding its first practical uses in aircraft, fulfilling recent predictions of the new metal's promising future in aviation (PS, Oct. '50, p. 146). Formed into complex shapes from flat sheets, it shrouds the exhaust system for a Piasecki helicopter, shown at right being assembled at the San Diego plant of the Ryan Aeronautical Co. Biggest coming use of light, strong and heat-resisting titanium will be for "skins" or surfaces of supersonic planes, say the plant's experts.



Mercury Remodeled

New look in body styling spotlights '52 models,

CLAMP your eyes on a 1952 Mercury and they'll tell you it's a handsome hunk of automobile. Look under the skin, and you'll find some neat engineering tricks that rate more than an admiring glance.

The improvements range from a ladder-type frame to a vacuum-controlled heating system. There's a new air cleaner that fits around—not on top of—the carburetor. Besides saving hood headroom, this cools the carburetor and helps prevent vapor lock. The same concentric design is used on the Lincoln (see page 134).

Overhung pedals are another improvement. All that sticks up on the floorboard are the dimmer switch and accelerator. Clutch and brake pedals are hung from under the dash—no shafts to stub your toe and no floorboard holes for winter winds to whistle through.

Same Engine, More Compression

Lift the hood and you find the master brake cylinder on the firewall, where you can add fluid or replace a stoplight switch without even getting your knees dusty.

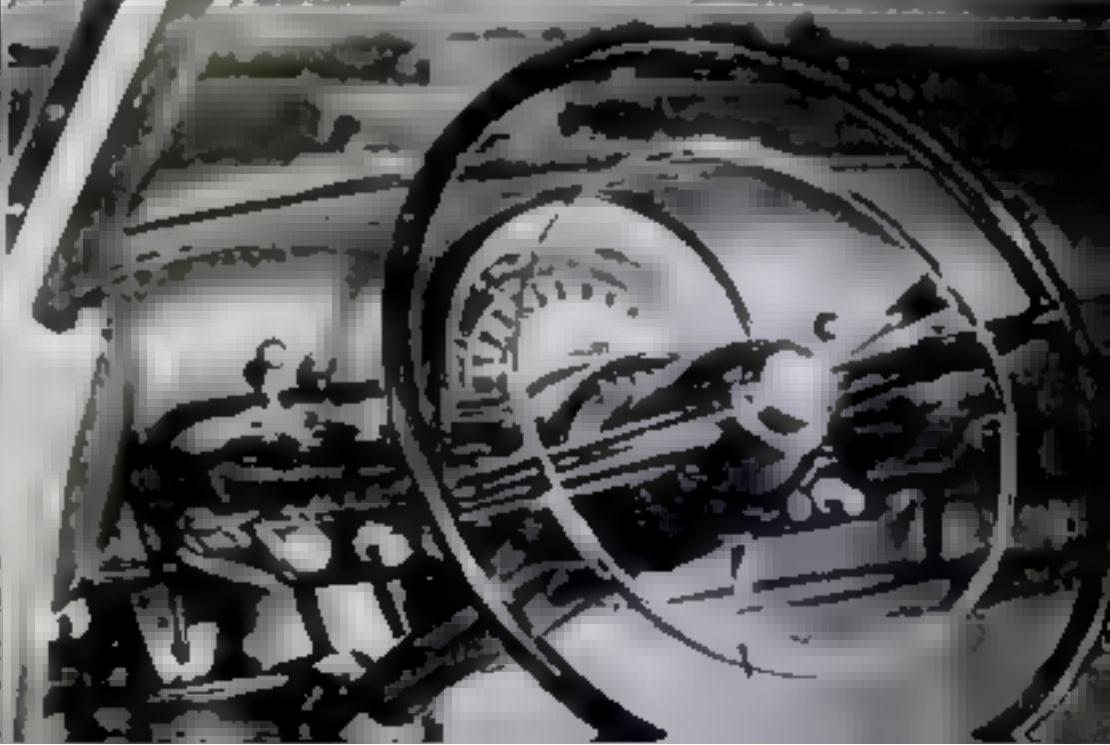
Mercury's V-8 engine has the same L-head design used in 1951 but gets more power from a higher compression ratio and a larger carburetor. Compression is jacked up from 6.8 to 7.2:1. Engineers say the engine does not require premium fuel. It is now rated at

IT'S ALL BUMPER. One wide unit eliminates separate radiator grille. Fenders are hood high—you can see both from driver's seat. Recessed parking lights have plastic lenses.

HOOD SCOOP is the tip-off to 1952 Mercurys. This is one of two hard tops. There are two four-door sedans, a two-door and a convertible. Six- and eight-passenger station wagons both have four-door metal bodies with applied wood molding.

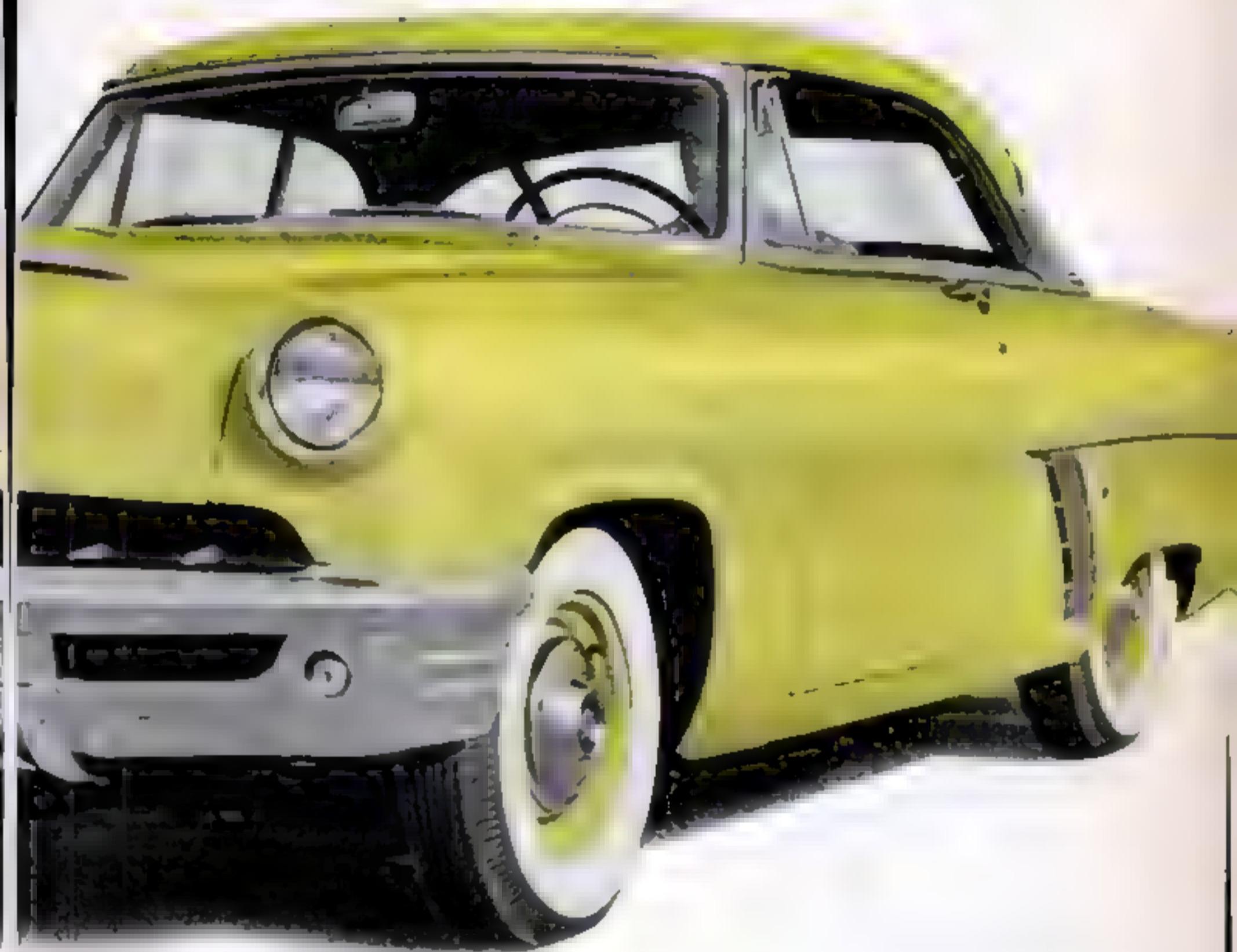


COMPACTLY GROUPED INSTRUMENTS are close around steering wheel. Airplane-type levers in bulge on dash control a new car heater with vacuum-operated thermostat.



Inside and Out

with more horses and other improvements under the hood.



MORE FOOT ROOM, fewer holes for drafts are advantages of pendulum pedal mounting (Mercomatic drive shown has brake, no clutch). This is on Lincoln, too.

CENTRAL FILLER CAP, located under license-tag bracket, can be easily reached by pump hose from either side of car. Tail lights have back-up lights built in.



125 horsepower, 10 more than last year's.

Radically different from the turned-down nose of the '51 is the high, straight-line hood with its swept-back scoop in front. The brightwork on this incorporates the radiator ornament. Although it is a dummy that does not draw in air, the scoop provides a neat recess to cover the top of the radiator.

The inside hood lock has gone the way of the running board. The designers say most car hoods can be opened from outside anyway if you know the tricks. Now both the hood latch and safety catch are released from under the front of the hood.

Outlook Is Better

Windshield posts, though thick, are set edgewise to the driver's line of sight. A one-piece curved windshield replaces the divided flat one of last year.

Windows and doors are cut about 1½ inches higher into the roof, making it that much easier to get in with your hat on. The rear window slopes less, affording a wider angle of vision rearward.

There are side scoops, too. Metal trim sets off rear fenders that otherwise almost disappear into the body. Angled air scoops (dummies, as on other cars) are emphasized by rather wide trim.

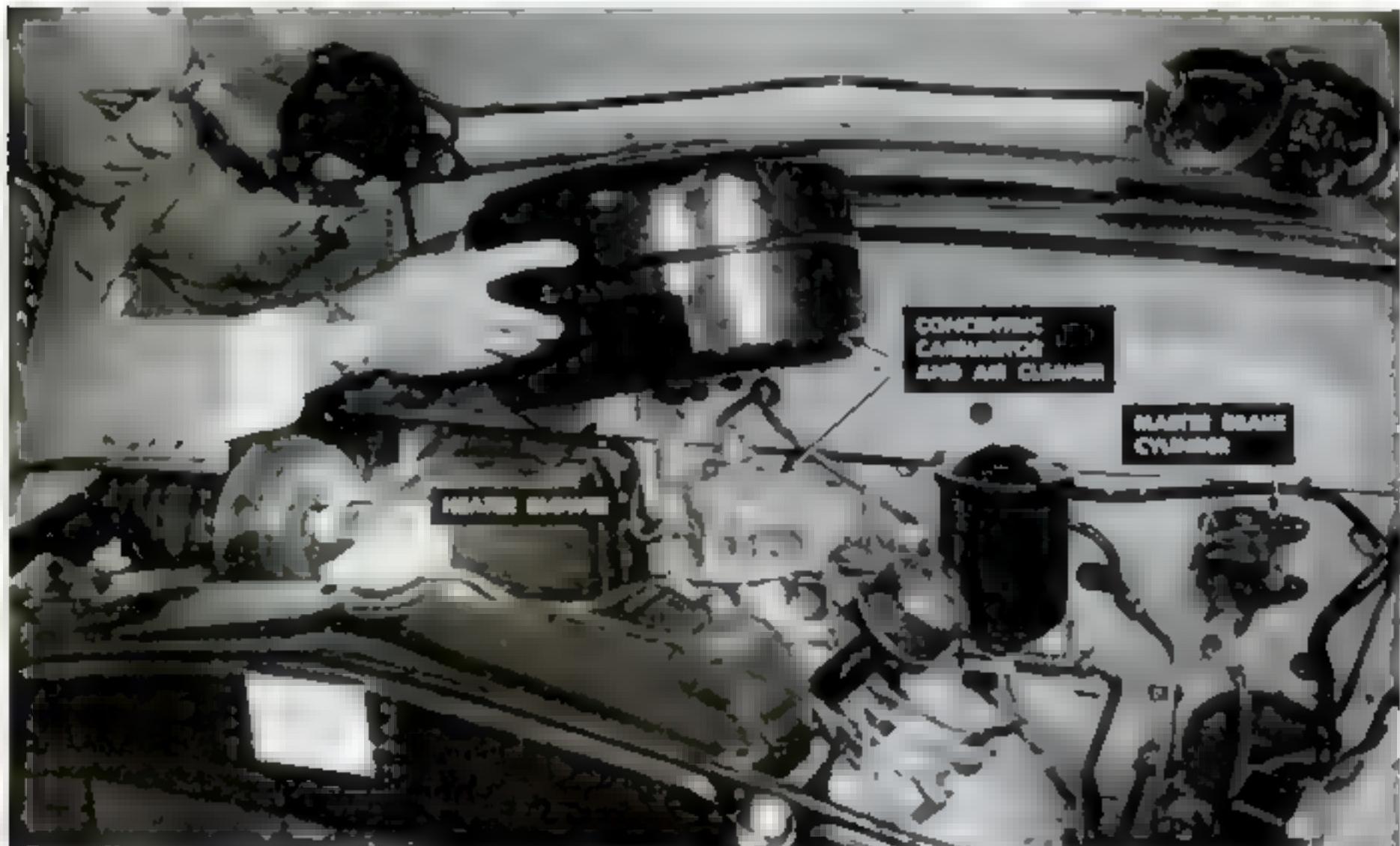
The broad-shouldered fenders are probably responsible for a gain of 6½ inches in

rear-seat width—it's 57½ inches. There is more than an inch additional headroom in the back of the sedan. Rear doors on the sedan now open from the back, an overdue improvement.

What the man at the pump looks for doesn't show at all. You have to pull down a spring-hinged license-plate bracket to find the gas-tank filler cap. END



PANTOGRAPH TRUNK-LID HINGE has counterbalance springs hidden behind it to save space and prevent marring luggage. Wing nut protects contents from spare-tire bolt.



CONCENTRIC CARBURETOR—air cleaner completely surrounds it—is new for '52. Master

brake cylinder on firewall is out of road grit, slush and water and is easier to reach.

Keeping the Home Shipshape



THREADS ON A RUG can be picked up easily with this no-stoop gadget. It is a wire-bristled suede-shoe brush fastened to a yardstick. A magnet on the other end picks up needles.



CLOGGED DRAINS in the floor or laundry tube can be cleared with a length of stiff wire cable chucked in a portable electric drill. Fray out about two inches of the cable end.



FROSTING A CAKE is an easy job if you have an electric mixer. Placed on the revolving stand, the cake can be turned slowly as icing is applied evenly to top and sides.

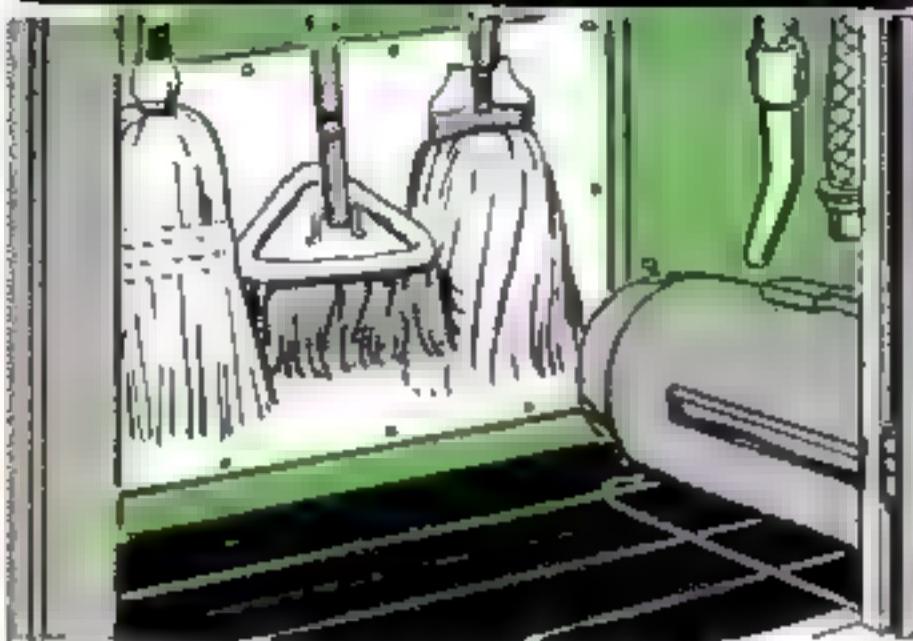


LEFTOVER PUTTY can be kept soft if stored in an airtight jar with a little linseed oil. A preserving jar with a rubber sealing ring makes a good container.



KEEP A BALL OF TWINE HANDY in a funnel hung on the kitchen wall. Use a funnel with a gripping tab on the rim. Bend up the tab and screw it to the wall.

Keeping the Home Shipshape



TO PROTECT CLOSET WALLS from oil and grime on mops and brooms, tack up a panel of linoleum, oilcloth or plastic. A damp cloth will wipe it clean.



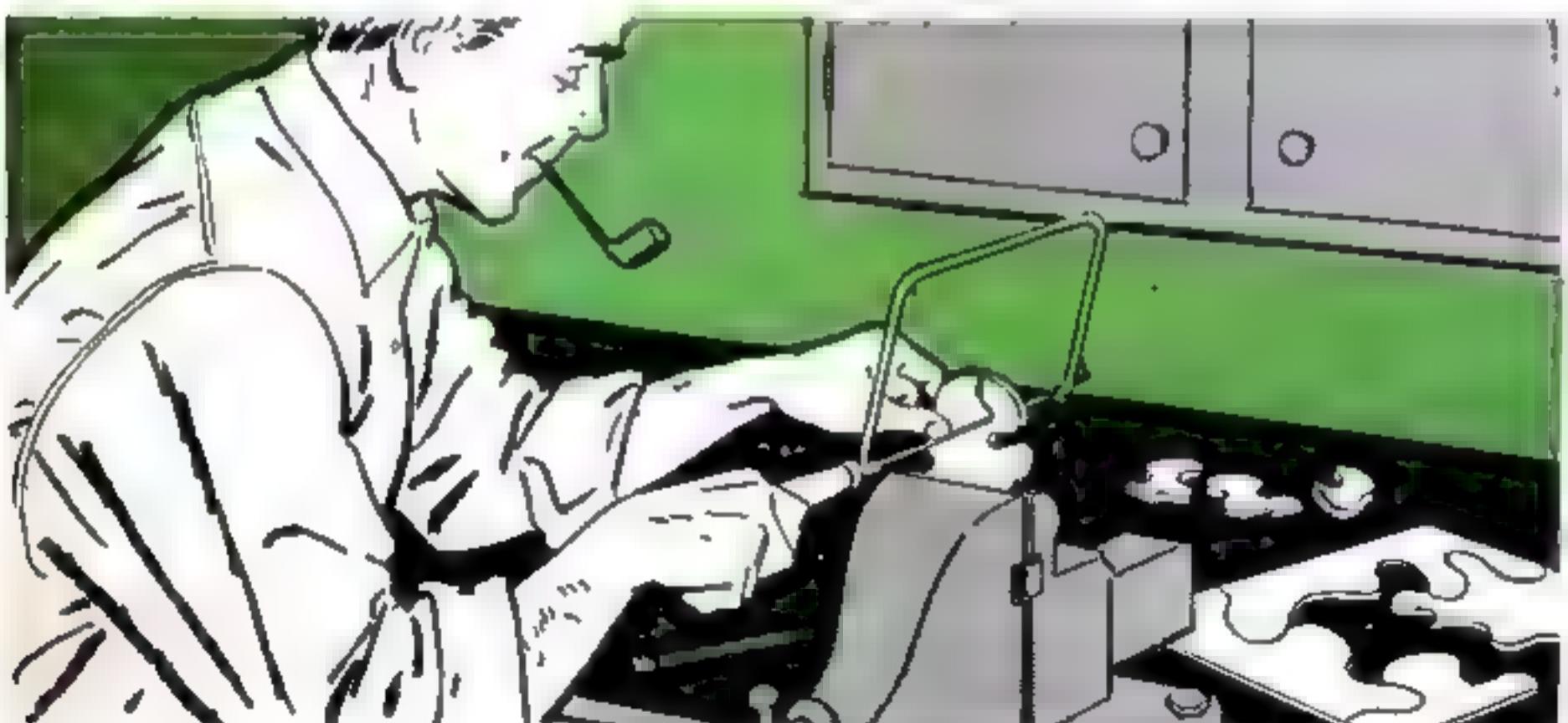
IF OIL OR GUM SEEPS FROM RAW WOOD you want to work with, wipe it away with a rag immersed in turpentine, rub smooth with steel wool and seal with white shellac.



WHEN YOU PAINT WALLS OR WOODWORK, store a bit of the paint used in a nail-polish bottle for touching up chips or scratches. The brush is just right for fussy work.



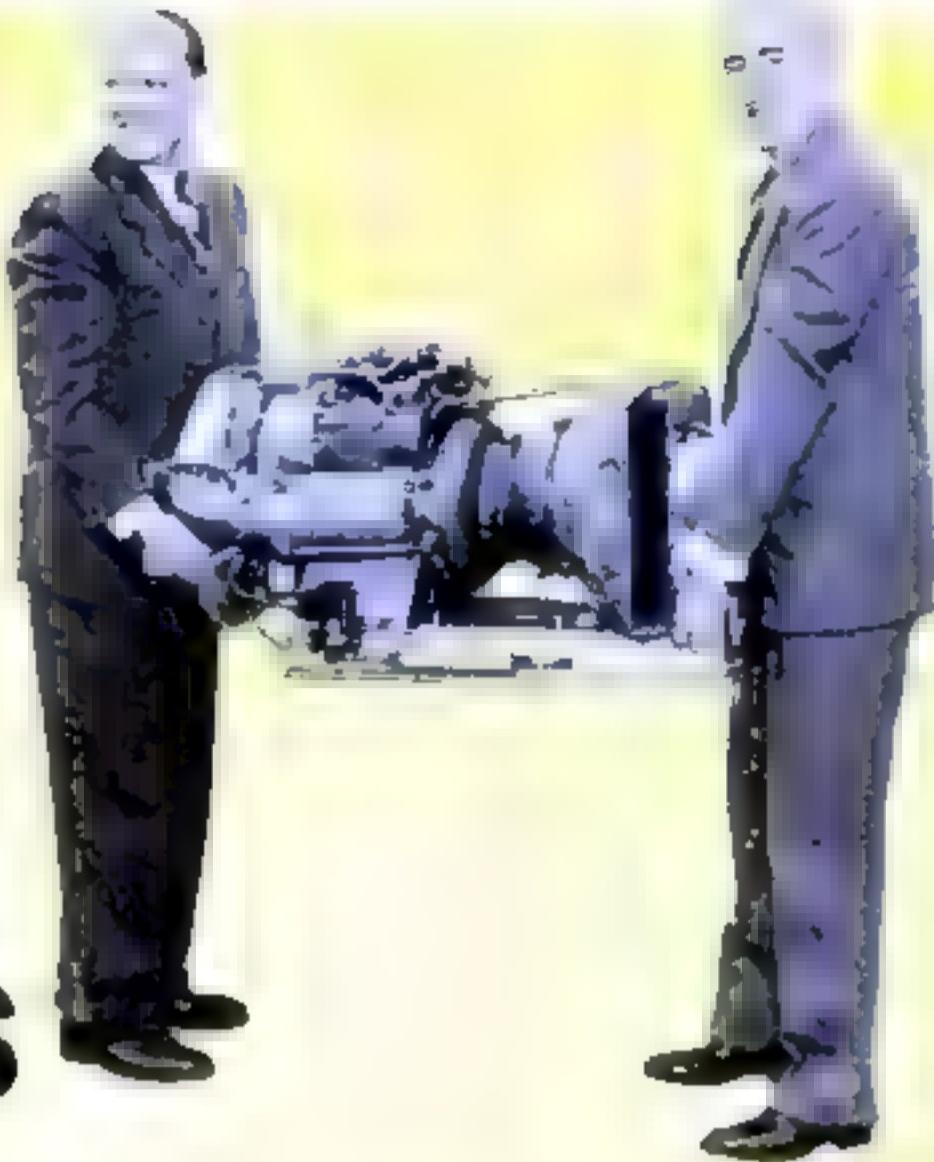
A HOLDER FOR POTTED PLANTS can be made from a piano bench you no longer need. Remove the lid and line the music compartment with zinc, copper or tiles.



SIMPLE JIGSAW PUZZLES of plywood can be made more difficult as a child grows older.

With a jigsaw, cut the eight or 10 large pieces into 20, and later into 40 pieces.

200-Lb. Truck Engine Hauls 21-Ton Loads



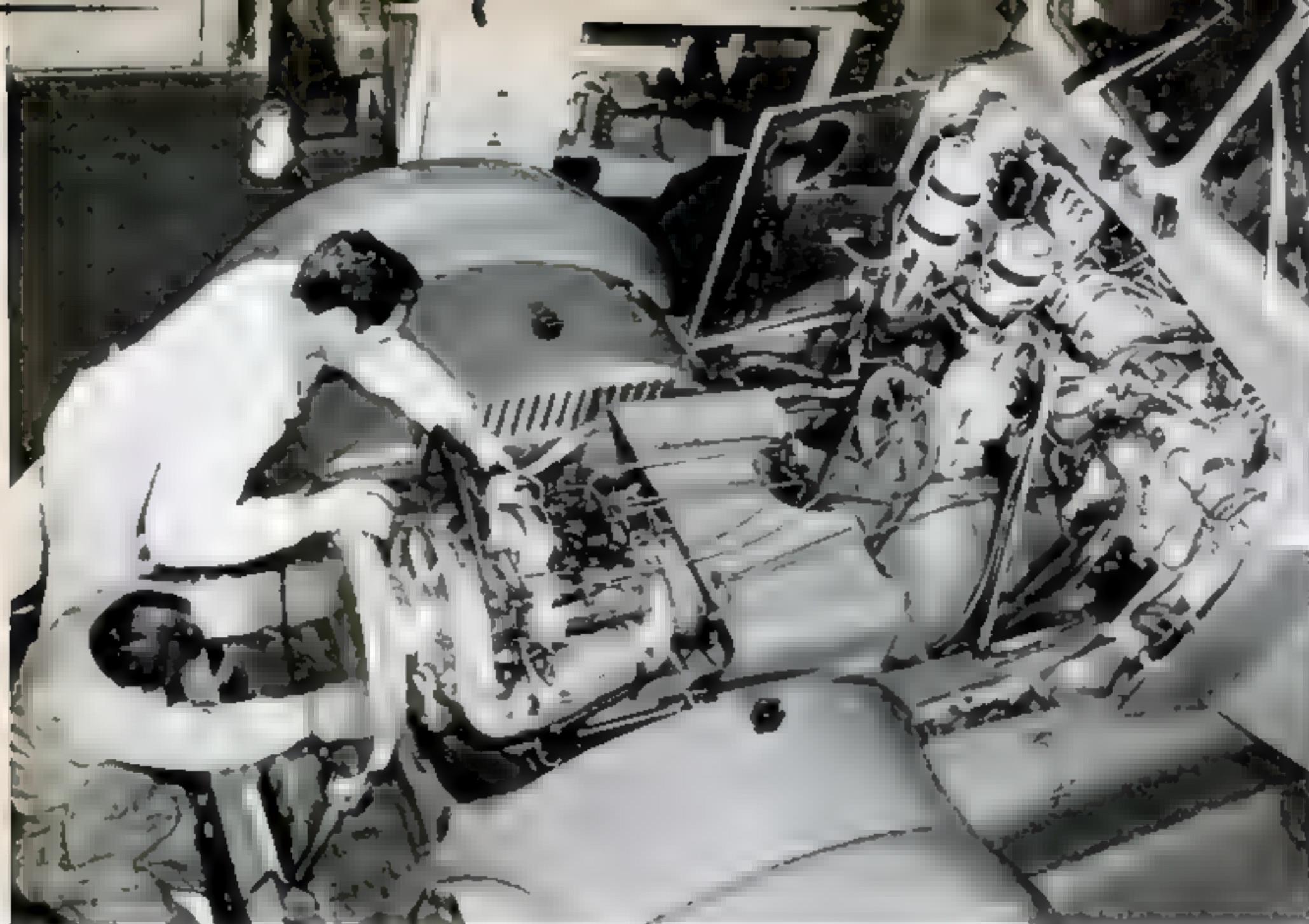
A gas turbine like those that fly the fighters has proved itself on the road.

TOMORROW'S highway trucker is going to be a brother to the fly boys in the wild blue yonder. This seems a sure bet because of the road performance of the world's only gas turbine for trucks. It has now clocked 550 hours of service and traveled 15,000 miles over West Coast highways. Here's the score:

The truck turbine, weighing a scant 200 pounds, has been hauling 21-ton loads as easily as Diesel engines that are 2,500 pounds heavier and seven times bigger.

The turbine engine—the same kind that propels jet airplanes—is silk-smooth and quiet. Gone are the throb of the piston en-





ENGINE IS DWARFED by truck's massive fenders. Engineers hope to offset high fuel con-

sumption by using engine's 2,500- to 3,000-pound weight saving to increase the payload.

gine, the crackle of the exhaust, and pinging.

Acceleration is good.

As compared with a piston engine, the number of shifts can be cut in half. And even a beginner couldn't stall the engine with improper shifting.

With slightly more power, truck jockeys could get "distinctively better" road speeds on hills than they now get with piston power.

All that's on the plus side. The Boeing Airplane Co. of Seattle, doing the pioneering work on turbine propulsion for trucks, is frank to admit that there are some minuses.

One Mile to a Gallon

The first one is high fuel consumption. The test truck gets a mere mile per gallon, Diesels three to five miles.

Another trouble is that turbine wheels, subjected to high speeds and intense heat, wear out pretty fast.

Still another is, for the present, the need for careful gearshifting to keep the turbine at a speed that delivers maximum power on grades.

And finally, the turbine begins lying down on the job in hot weather. That's a basic

behavior characteristic of the gas turbine.

Gas turbines for trucks obviously are coming. Whether eventually they will power passenger cars (PS, June '50, p. 98) is a harder question to answer.

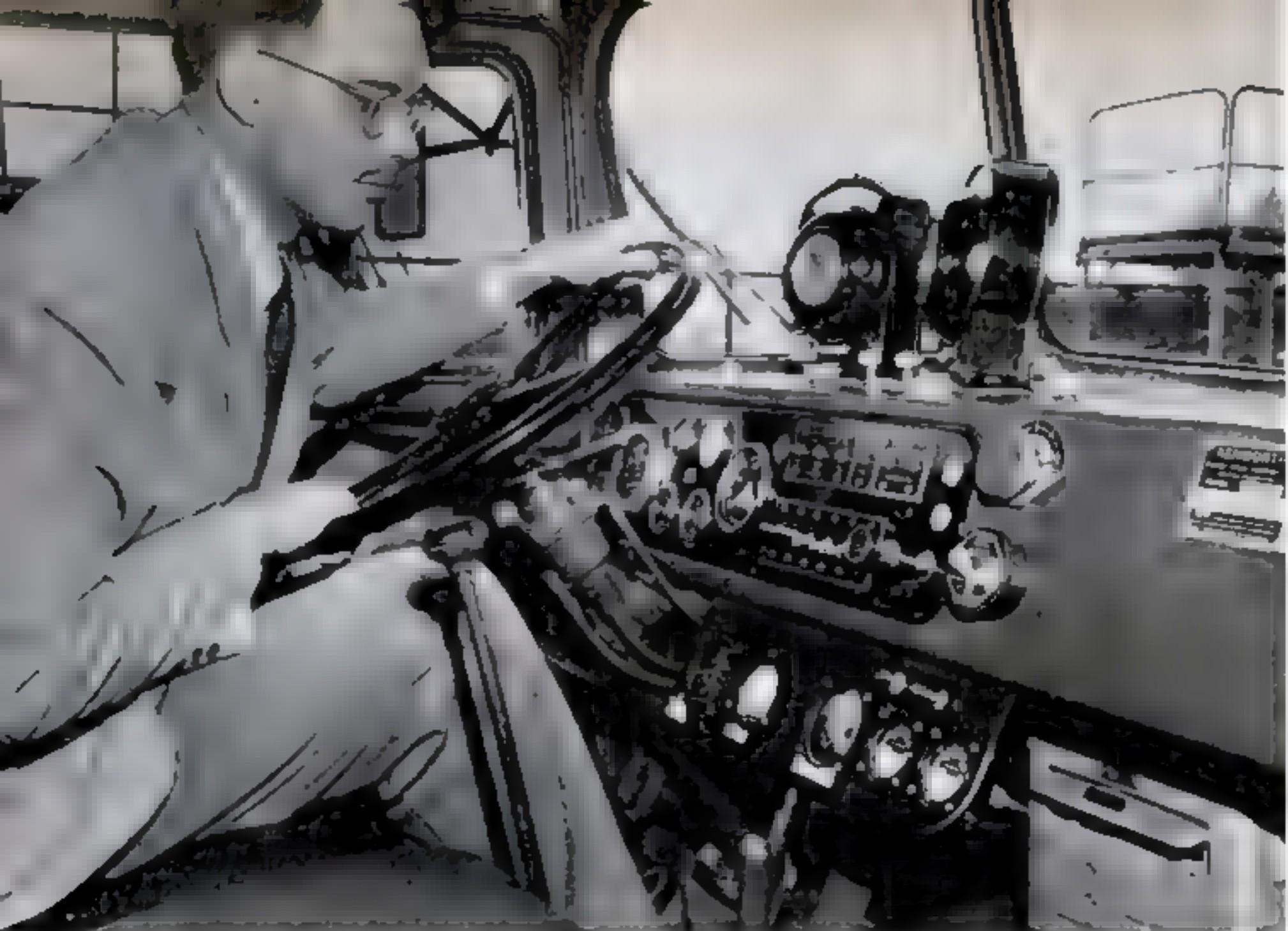
But only the defense effort will delay gas turbines for heavy-duty hauling. Boeing's 200-pound midget has been pulling not only that 21-ton load but 13 tons of heavy truck as well—a total of 68,000 pounds.

The company believes that improvements will give its truck turbine a response and flexibility that no piston engine can match. Its 175-horsepower engine, with a seven-speed transmission, has been doing the work of a 200-horsepower Diesel with 12 speeds.

That's because a turbine is a natural torque converter, like the hydraulic converters now used in cars. The only difference: the turbine uses gases instead of fluids.

Cab Is Quieter

Cooling is no problem. The turbine in the truck hasn't even needed a fan. And it is not nearly as noisy as a Diesel. Conversation in the cab isn't difficult at wide-open throttle. The only soundproofing is an air-inlet silencer and mufflers on the two exhaust stacks. Piston engines use both.



SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS, mounted above dash, tell test driver how turbine is behaving. Driv-

er's job is made easier by absence of staccato exhaust, knock, and engine shake.

The turbine uses practically no lubricating oil. Its capacity is only four quarts.

The few but important ailments afflicting the gas turbine can be doctored, say Boeing engineers.

Fuel consumption, for one thing, will come down. Reducing friction losses and raising the turbine's thermal efficiency—the amount of energy it extracts from its fuel—will help. So will designing a lighter truck chassis and engine installation to match the flyweight engine. Fuel costs can be brought down with cheaper fuels—a turbine will burn almost anything except cordwood.

More Horsepower to Come

Better turbine wheels and blades, already being made, will cut repairs. Some of Boeing's trouble, the engineers found, was high-frequency vibration. That has been mended. "Heat shock" to the turbine blades when a driver poured on the coal too fast was fixed by putting the equivalent of a governor on the accelerator.

Building an engine a bit larger to get an output of nearly a third more horsepower will take care of the need for careful gear-shifting to maintain power on hills, and the loss of power in hot weather.

END



TWIN EXHAUSTS carry away fumes. In test rig, right angles in ducts created back pressure in exhaust gas, lost 10 to 15 hp. Each stack has nonrestricting-type acoustic muffler.



STEAM FROM BOILER in nearby concrete pit passes into evaporator through six feed lines and circulates through 416 feet of copper tubing. Tubing is raised slightly so sap flows around it for faster boiling.

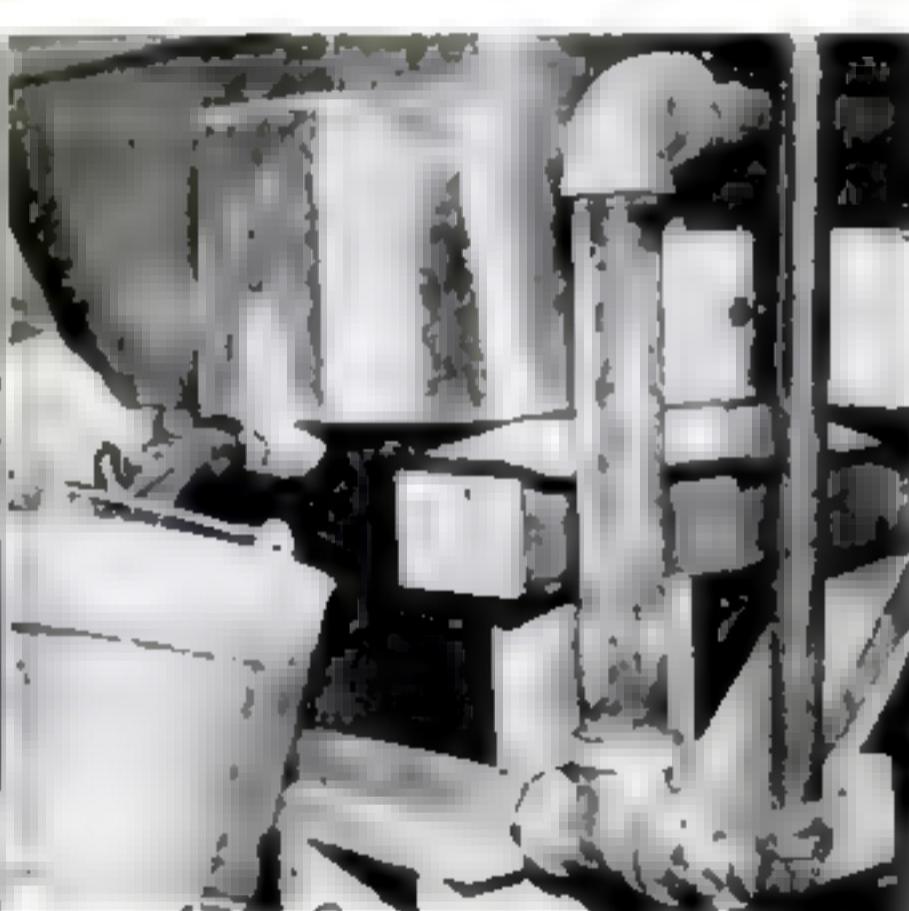
Old-Time Maple Syrup Made by Steam Heat

CUTTING and hauling cords of wood to an open fire for boiling down maple sap is just a memory at Martin A. Brown's farm near Wilmington, Vt. His maple syrup is made with steam heat.

An oil-fired boiler like those used in dairy plants provides the heat that boils the sap. It is a recirculating system. The heating steam is condensed and flows back to the boiler to get steamed up again. On the way back, it flows through a pipe that preheats the incoming fresh sap so that it reaches the boiling point sooner. Steam keeps the sap at a fast boil with no danger—as over a wood fire—of scorching the thickening liquid.



WORKER TESTS THICKNESS OF SAP, which comes to a boil in 15 minutes. Steam enters vat through pipe in foreground above. It takes about 35 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup—rest boils away.



SYRUP IS DRAWN OFF EVAPORATOR. Large pipe above feeds in sap from storage tanks. Smaller pipe returns condensed steam to boiler for re-use. Running hot-water pipe inside sap pipe part way preheats incoming sap.

Tiny Cardboard Capsule Serves as Photoflash Bulb



This little pronged button does the work of a flash bulb but costs a lot less. And a photographer can carry enough buttons for several dozen shots in his coat pocket.

Marketed in England, the sealed capsule holds smokeless flash powder and a fuse for firing it electrically. It plugs into a special adapter that fits any standard flash gun. A tiny lamp in the adapter lights up if current is on in the flash gun, warning the user not to insert the flash button until the switch is turned off.



Which Twin Has the CMC?*

* Those letters are short for a new plastic starch—carboxymethylcellulose—that will keep your overalls cleaner and make your Sunday shirts last longer.

By Harland Manchester

ON MANY thousands of clotheslines throughout the Midwest and in parts of the East, the Monday wash is getting whiter and whiter with less and less scrubbing because of a new soil-resistant chemical, CMC, which seems destined to become an important aid in laundries everywhere.

This new enemy of dirt is a fine cellulose powder made from cotton or wood pulp. It feels like flour when rubbed between the fingers. It is odorless, tasteless and so non-toxic that you could even eat it. Mixed with water, it forms a smooth syruplike solution ready to add to the final rinse in either automatic laundries or the washtub. It puts an invisible protective coating on the fibers



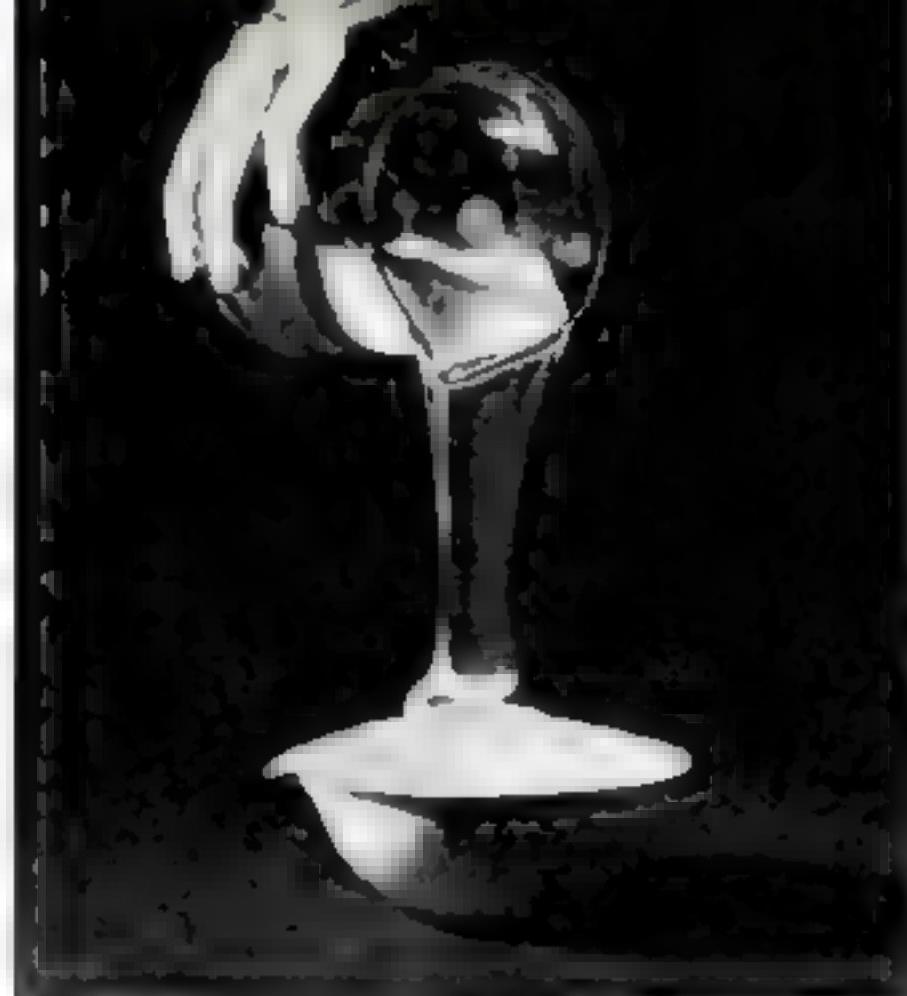
ODORLESS, TASTELESS AND NONTOXIC, CMC is a white, granulated, free-flowing powder. Supply is limited only by size of cotton crop which is its source.

of the garment, which makes the cloth harder to soil. In the next wash, this coating dissolves like magic, ridding the garment of dirt and grease in a fraction of the time usually needed, and with little or no scrubbing.

While CMC—the chemical name is sodium carboxymethylcellulose—has been known for some time, its ability to protect fabrics against soiling was discovered only two years ago by Dr. Jack Compton of the Institute of Textile Technology, a Charlottesville, Va., research center supported by the textile industry. The discovery came about as a result of a survey by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Hoping to build up the position of cotton versus the synthetic fabrics, the USDA questioned thousands of housewives: "What is there about cotton cloth that you want improved?" Many replied that they wished cotton wouldn't soil so easily. The USDA turned the problem over to the Institute.

Cotton Fibers Trap the Dirt

The research men's first job was to find out exactly how cotton cloth gets dirty. They soiled samples of cotton, looked at them through a microscope, washed them and examined them again. They found that soil particles were trapped by the irregularities in the fabric and fiber, and that the first particles thus deposited formed a beachhead which made it easy for more dirt to accumulate. The only solution, it appeared, was to find a substance which would coat over the



SYRUPY SOLUTION of CMC ready to put in laundry rinse water is made by adding hot or cold water to powder. Consistency is indicated by photo, shot at 1/30,000 second.

rough places that hold dirt, so soil particles could not find an easy lodging place.

Dr. Compton tested a score or more of compounds, including synthetic resins and water-repellent chemicals. All were discarded for one reason or another. Then he hit upon CMC, which was discovered in Germany some 50 years ago, used extensively there during the war as an ingredient of washing powder, and brought to this country by American scientists who were sent to survey German technology at the close of the war.

Science Invades the Laundry

Compton and his staff took two clean pieces of white cotton cloth, rinsed one of them in a solution of CMC and left the other untreated. After drying, they rubbed them both thoroughly in lampblack and other soiling agents. Their first discovery was that it took much more dirt to make the treated sample as black as the other one. Then they washed each sample in soapy water. Naturally, it took plenty of elbow grease to wash the untreated cloth. But the water turned suddenly black when the CMC-treated cloth was immersed, and in a few seconds the cloth had regained its whiteness, making the other sample look gray by comparison.

Hundreds of other tests followed. In all cases, the CMC-treated fabrics were harder to soil and easier to wash, and it took much less soap or detergent to get them clean.



WHAT CMC DOES: Swatch A represents fresh unlaundered cloth of 100-percent whiteness. Swatch C shows how cloth looked after five washings with an ordinary detergent. Swatch

B shows what happened when CMC was added to detergent—less than one percent loss of whiteness as measured by instrument, no apparent loss to the naked eye.

A motion-picture film taken through a microscope gives a dramatic close-up of CMC at work. When water hits the cotton fibers, shown magnified to the size of cables, a series of "explosions" takes place as the transparent CMC jacket encasing each fiber suddenly dissolves. Dirt particles fly in all directions and, held in suspension by the liquefied cellulose, are flushed from the cloth, which resumes its pristine whiteness.

Mothers of Small Boys Like CMC

Laboratory results were so promising that Dr. Compton distributed CMC to Charlottesville housewives, along with instructions for use. "Tattletale gray" disappeared from dozens of washlines, and enthusiastic reports poured in. A mother of three schoolboys had always had to give their clothes special scrubbing at the knees, seats and collars. When she began using CMC in the rinse, the badly soiled areas no longer needed special attention. Because of the protective action of the CMC film, she now uses only one-fifth as much synthetic detergent in her automatic washing machine. And she has dropped both bleach and bluing without impairing the whiteness of her wash.

Since CMC resists grease and oil, the treatment is a natural for overalls and other work clothes used in messy jobs.

Treated with CMC, white socks remain permanently white, and cotton socks wash as easily as nylon.

All five of Charlottesville's commercial laundries, as well as one in Washington, D. C., and one in New Jersey, have been using the new soil-resistant chemical, to the great satisfaction of their customers. John Minor, president of Home Laundry, Inc., in Charlottesville, has been using CMC in the final rinse for nearly a year, and the increasing whiteness of sheets, towels, tablecloths and shirts is so apparent that you can walk through his plant and tell the difference between new customers' bundles and those of the old ones.

A Boon for the White-Collar Man

While CMC appeals primarily to housewives, it is a great boon to the American male in his most sensitive sartorial problem—the appearance of a soft white shirt.

About 75 percent of men insist on a little starch in the collar to help shed dirt and to prevent early wilting. But starched collars wear out faster and develop irritating saw edges.

On the other hand, the 25-percent stubborn minority wage a constant battle to keep starch out of their shirts. They avoid neck rash and their shirts last longer, but toward the end of an office day they look like the character in the ads who doesn't get the girl.

CMC makes both factions happy. Members of the Institute staff who like their shirts starched brought in about sixty shirts

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Mirror reflector at end of projector's light barrel beams ads on banks of clouds at night.

Sky Ads Shot from "Rocket"

THE only thing these Buck Rogers characters and their "rocket ship" put into the sky is an advertising sign. The "rocket" is really a giant slide projector that uses

clouds for a screen. The 36-foot long, 2½-ton Astralux machine has a mirror at one end to reflect its message on clouds at night.

When beamed to a maximum altitude of 16,500 feet, the message can be read eight miles away under proper weather conditions—the German makers claim. A 300-ampere, 100-volt generator sparks an arc light of 4,500,000 candlepower.



Tractor Has Overhead Valves

This new English tractor gives farmers a choice of three types of engine—gasoline, kerosene, or Diesel. All are overhead-valve, four-cylinder engines that are designed to use many parts common to all three. Other features of the new Fordson Major include: grouping of controls on the dash, car fashion; a new type of hydraulic lift, and adjustable track widths.



Spray Stops Static Shocks

WHEN you slide in and out of a car having plastic seat covers you can generate enough static electricity to get a mild jolt if you touch metal. Spraying the covers with Stop Shok, a colorless, stainless compound shown above, is said to eliminate such shocks. The maker, Electro-Chemical Products Corp., East Orange, N. J., claims the conductive coating bleeds off all static.



SLIDES ARE INSERTED from outside through an air vent in the machine. Special clothing and asbestos gloves protect worker against intense heat from electric arc.



SLIDE IS PROJECTED here at a steep angle. When beamed to an altitude of 3,300 feet, an area of 225,000 square feet is illuminated. It can reach altitude of three miles or more.

Fast Truck Fights Plane Fires

WITHIN 3.3 minutes, the Air Force's new crash truck can travel two miles to a blaze and shoot 300 gallons of water foam at it. An outsize engine makes the zero-to-60 acceleration in 61 seconds. The Marmon-Herrington truck has a remotely controlled turret nozzle on the cab roof to attack fires from above, three sweep sprays to hit at ground level and extra lines intended for use by hand.



Desert Posse Mounts 45 Jeeps

WHEN a plane crashes in the craggy desert country of Clark County in southern Nevada, a posse of jeep-riding rescuers is soon bumping its way to the wreck. There are 45 of the rugged little cars in the posse, a volunteer outfit. Each is driven by its owner. With him rides a man trained in some specialty such as map reading or car repair. Both men are able to give first aid.

If the West Coast should be bombed, the Clark County Jeep Posse will have an important civil-defense job—guiding and helping to treat injured and frightened refugees fleeing inland. Now, when called, they not only rescue plane-accident victims but help the sheriff and his mounted deputies beat the sagebrush and scour the canyons for lost persons and escaped criminals. Most of the country they cover was formerly accessible only on foot or on horseback.

The men practice frequently for the real thing. One such mission took 16 hours, left jeeps damaged and posse exhausted.

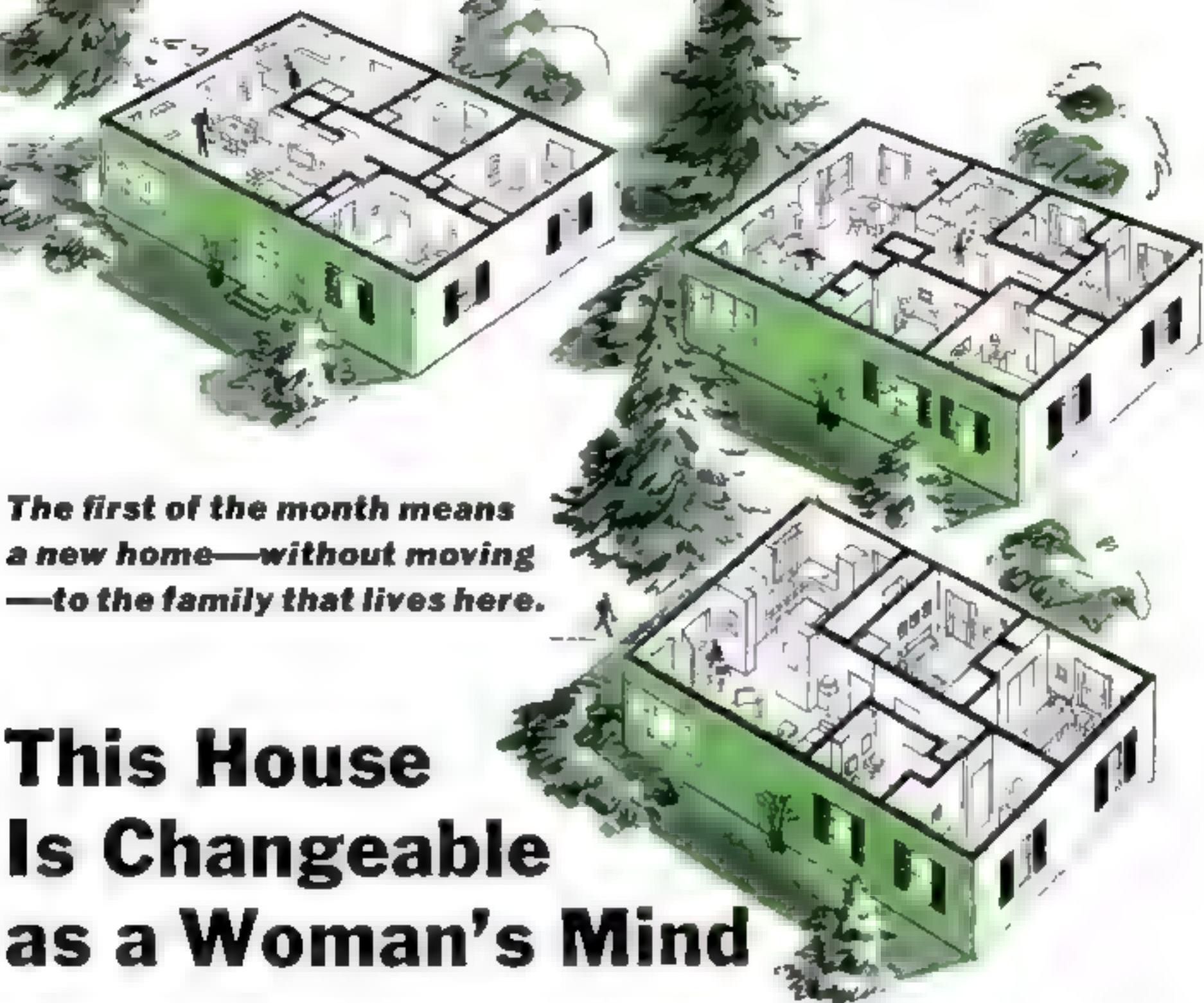
THE PLANE IS REALLY A WRECK but the "injured" are faking. They climbed into it where it lay crumpled at the summit of steep cliffs. Even though guided by planes, the jeeps spent eight hours reaching scene.



POSSE WAITS FOR A MAP to be dropped from a plane of the sheriff's aero squadron. Pilots spot the objective, make a crude sketch and toss the drawing down. Even then it's hard to find the way in the rough country.

STRAPPED TO A JEEP, an "injured" man from the wrecked plane is about to start his rough journey to town. The men on horseback are in sheriff's official posse, who often call on the jeep riders for help.





**The first of the month means
a new home—without moving
—to the family that lives here.**

This House Is Changeable as a Woman's Mind

By Hartley E. Howe

EVER get bored with your house and wish you could reshuffle the rooms—say put the kitchen where the front hall is and swap the bathroom and living room? There's a house in Urbana, Ill., where you could do just that, any time you wanted to, in a few hours. In fact the family living there finds

itself with a new room layout each month.

The house that's as changeable as a woman's mind was built by the Small Homes Council at the University of Illinois in an attempt to learn how to design more efficient homes. Not only can the room plan be quickly rearranged by a couple of men—three possible plans are shown above—but windows and doors can be moved around and the



EXPOSED ROOF TRUSS and skeleton rafters at end, extra wide overhang at sides, are all that

show house is expandable space lab. Columns at outer edge carry whole roof weight.



PLEXIBILITY OF INTERIOR is shown (left) by erection of partitions—solid panels of three layers of wallboard, held by nailing strips at top and bottom. Center picture shows back

of boxlike wall units that carry toilet and washbowl and their plumbing. Whole unit can be moved in one piece. At right, pre-built closet unit is slid into place in wall.

whole house made larger or smaller at the drop of a blueprint.

Naturally, no ordinary house can play tricks of this sort. The Small Homes Council call their creation a "space laboratory." Designed by Prof. Rudard A. Jones in consultation with other Illinois faculty members, the building looks like any modern small home at first glance. The house beneath the skin, however, is radically different:

- The roof was built first and is completely independent of the walls.
- Since the walls carry no load, they can be rearranged at will.
- The base slab is 32 by 48 feet, well beyond the wall line of the present 24-by-36 house. Floors can be enlarged with panel units.
- Walls and partitions are made in panels that can be shifted with minimum work.
- Kitchen counters, appliances and cabinets are merely set or hung in place.
- Wiring is in exposed raceways.
- Extra coils have been left in the water-pipe lines—flexible copper tubing—so they can be extended.
- Waste lines are connected to the main house drain by flexible hose.
- Bathroom fixtures are set in box panels so each can be moved with its plumbing.

Living Conditions Have Changed

The housing experts who conceived the space lab have a couple of basic ideas they want to check on. One is that modern household appliances and changing living habits have combined to outmode traditional house layouts. The other is that surveys of housing needs based on asking people what they want are pretty unrealistic. When interviewed, people tend to ask for a higher standard of housing than they are willing to pay for when the chips are down. At the same time it's hard for people to tell what



OUTER WALLS carry no weight. Prebuilt panels are fitted between nailer posts fastened to sill and plate. Window and door units are also easily shifted.



EXTRA COILS in flexible copper tubing that carries water to kitchen, bathroom, laundry, permit fixtures to be moved to different parts of house without laying new pipes.



FIRE HOSE connects fixture drains to house master drain, so units can easily be moved and reconnected. Note small, easily relocated ducts of hot-air heating system.

kind of a house they would like until they have had a chance to live in it.

So this Illinois study does not concern itself with dream houses but with the house the family is actually living in—and it's a different house every 30 days. To keep track of how people live in it, the space lab is filled with measuring devices. A pair of electric eyes count the number of times someone goes through the doorways between living room and kitchen, and living room and bedrooms. The housewife wears a pedometer to record how many miles a day she walks in her daily routine. At the end of each month, all members of the family are interviewed about the efficiency of that month's layout and how they liked living in it.

Family Picks Own Layout

In return for acting as guinea pigs, the two families who are spending six months apiece in the house live there free except for utilities. Each family has been chosen as average—a couple around 30 with two children, a boy and a girl, one in school, one preschool. For the last month of their stay, the tenants will pick the layout they themselves would like to try. Some of the other layouts will be based on a study of homeowners' comments on their present houses, so that a cross check will be obtained.

Sociologists and home-economics experts at the University are cooperating with architects and builders in the study. The results will be compared with earlier surveys based on interviews. The final report, the Small Homes Council hope, will tell a lot about the most efficient—and most livable—arrangement of both household equipment and living space. The goal is a house tailored to meet the *real* needs of the people who are going to call it home.

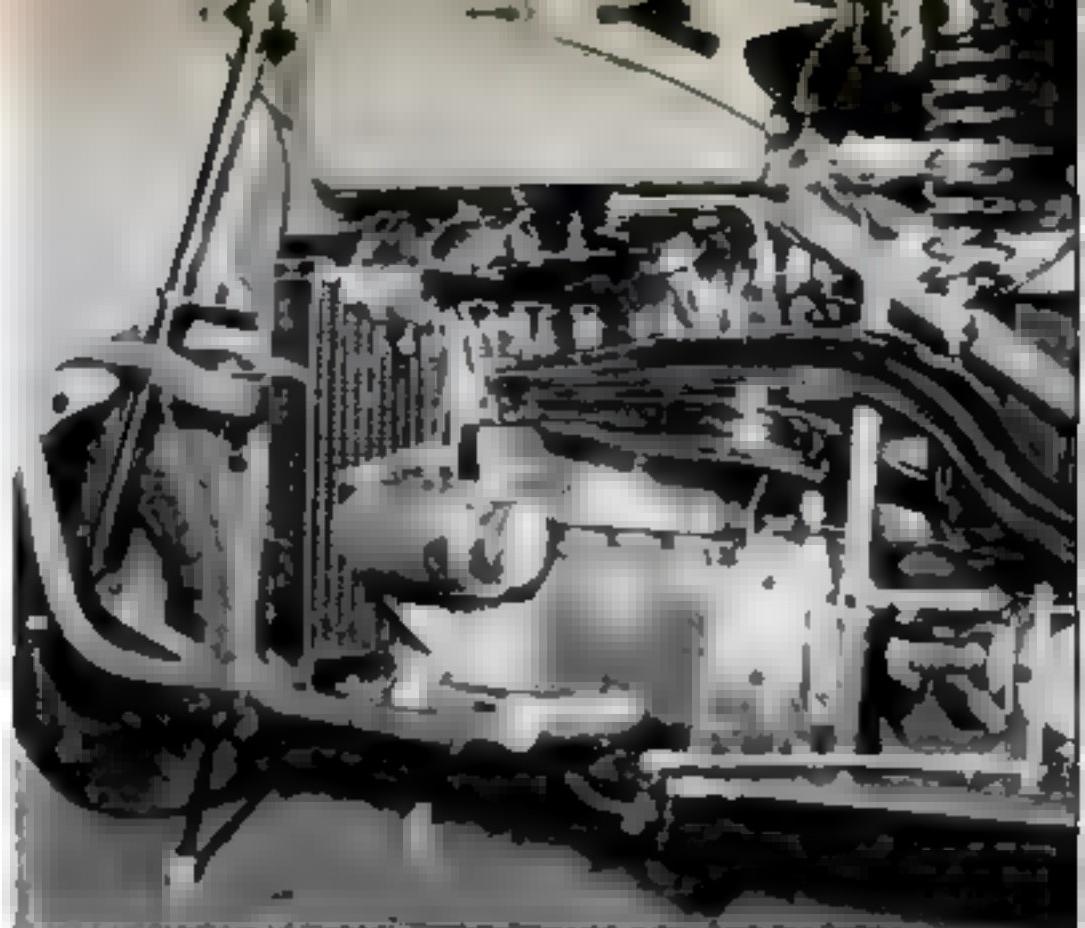
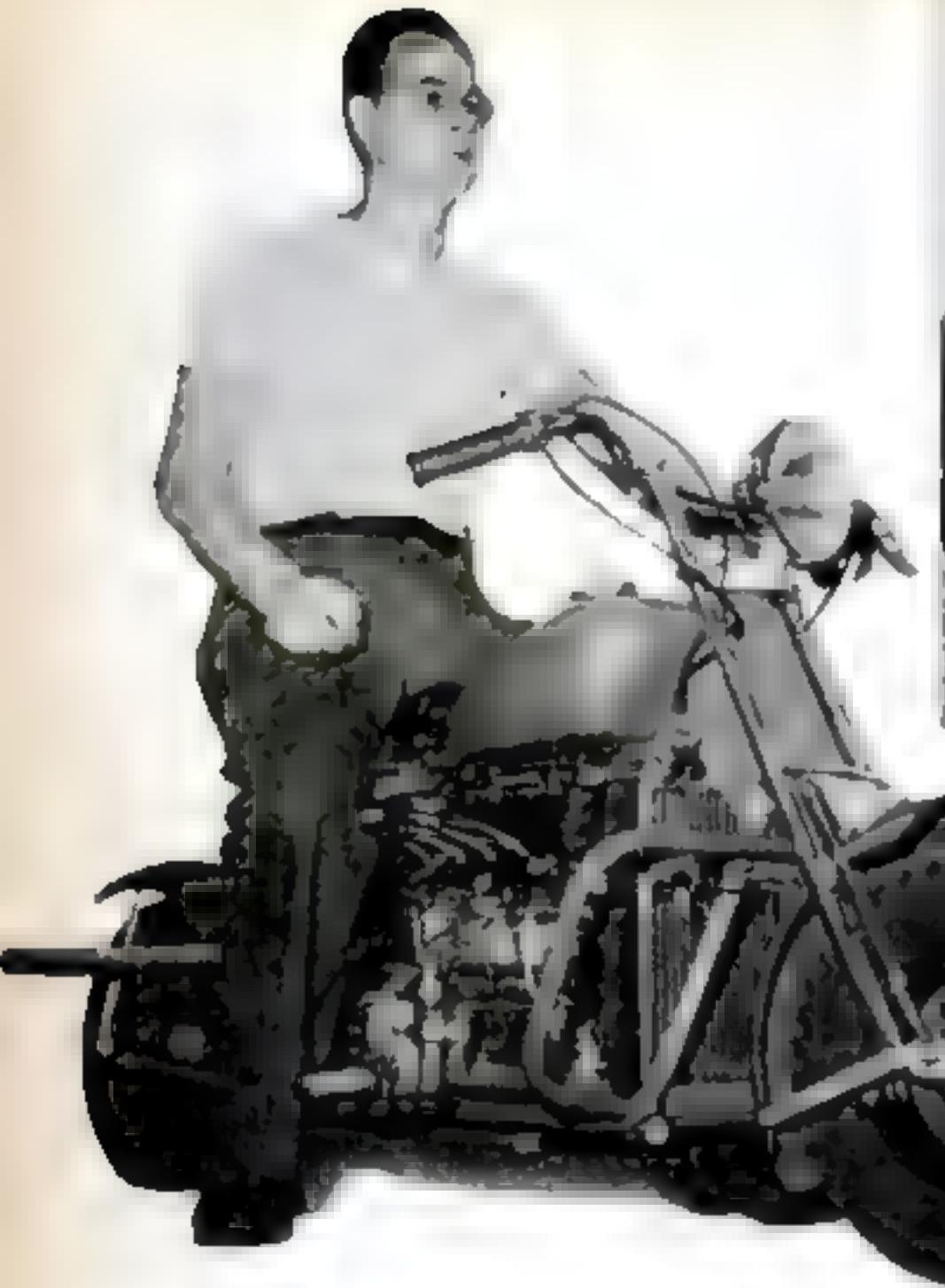
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KITCHEN COUNTERS AND APPLIANCES are just set in place, can be moved without tearing anything out. For same reason, kitchen cabinets are hung on walls without fastenings.



BATHTUB IS ON WHEELS so that it can be moved to any part of house with minimum of bother. Tub plumbing assembly is boxed like those of washbowl and toilet.



ALL HIS, smaller, 215-lb., cycle (left) was entirely designed and built by Forrest. Engine (close-up above) has shaft machined from single steel billet. It is water cooled by thermosiphon action from tiny radiator. Piston displacement is 19.2 cubic inches; bore, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; stroke, two inches. Lubricating oil is force fed,

Bike Designer Rolls His Own

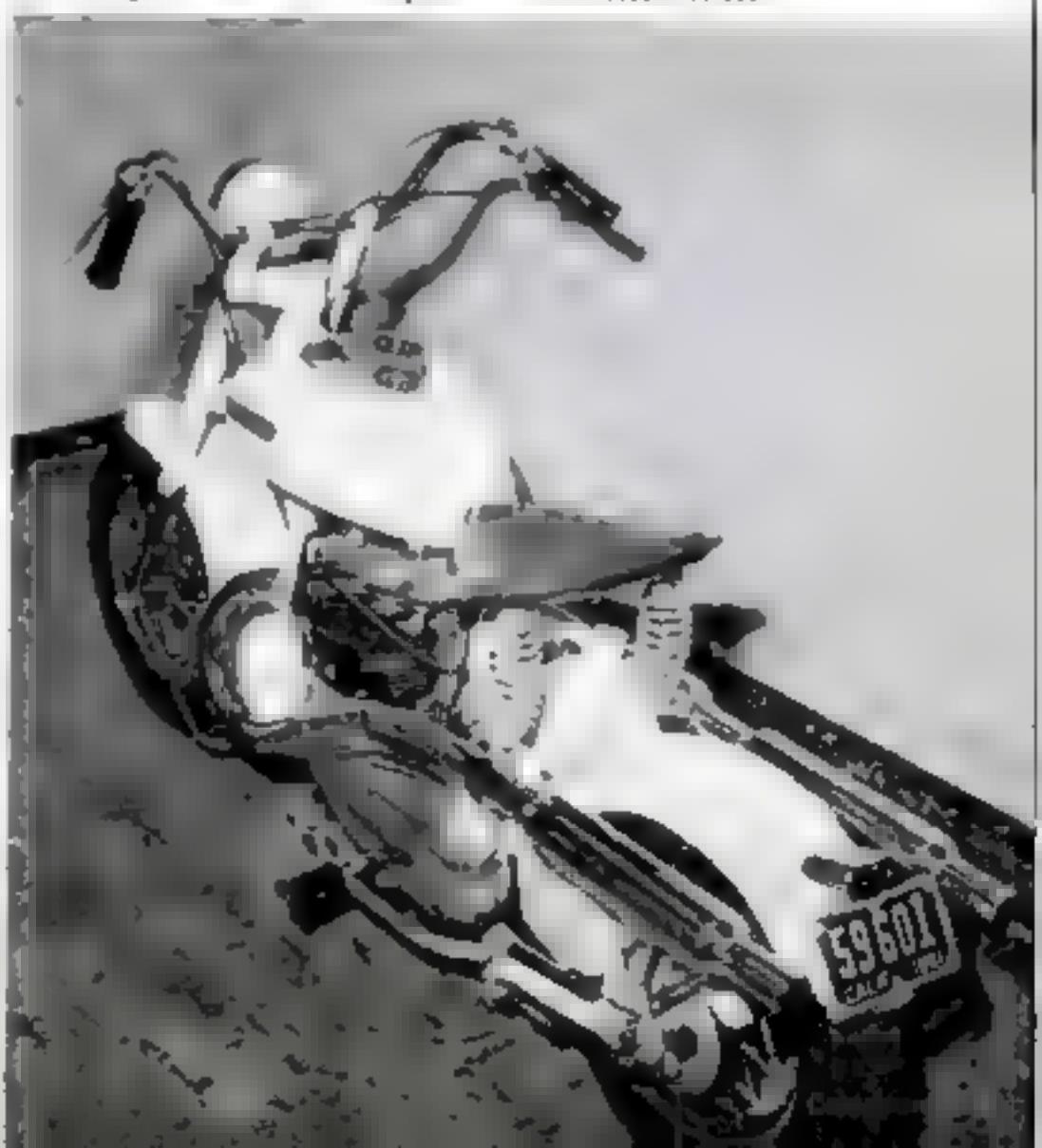
WHAT does a motorcycle designer do when he isn't busy in his office designing motorcycles? Why natch, he goes home and designs more motorcycles, builds motorcycles in his shop and rides around on—you guessed it—motorcycles.

Witness Howard Forrest, who spends his working hours as a designer for the Mustang Motorcycle Corp. of Glendale, Calif. His spare-time hobby for the past 4½ years has been building this pair of special bikes. His particular pride is the smaller of the two (top), powered by a four-cylinder, in-line engine of his own design.

Forrest's larger, 290-pound machine was built to his company's specifications around a 1931 Ariel Square Four engine. It has wire wheels specially built for it.

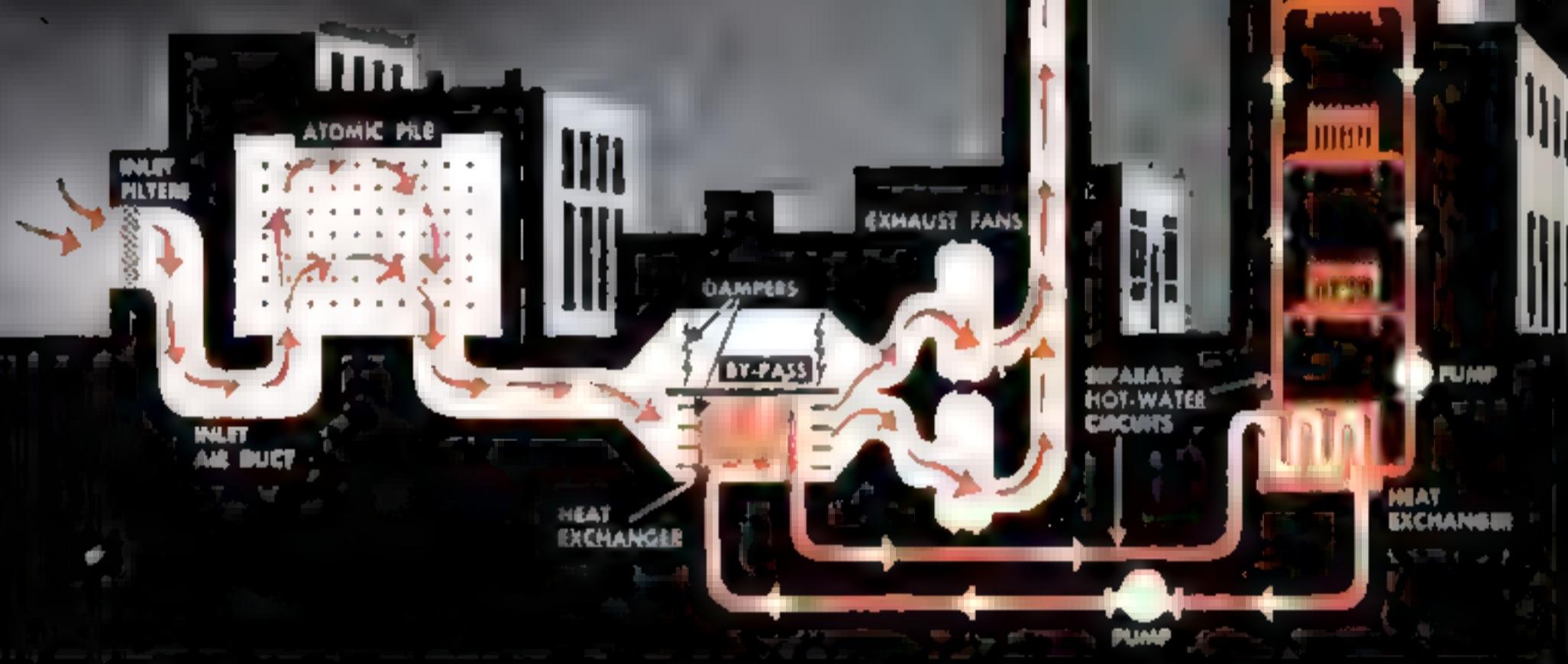
The designer hasn't measured the bikes' gas mileage to the ounce, but he rides one or the other to work in good weather and finds that either can make almost four round trips between home and office—seven miles each way—on a gallon of fuel.

CREAM-COLORED BEAUTY, designed around 25-horse engine, took nearly a year to build. It has overhead single cam-shaft, twin exhausts, foot-operated four-speed transmission.



Atomic Energy Heats a Building

Hot air from a British pile, once wasted, now warms office radiators.



Double exchangers extract heat—but no radioactivity—from atom pile to warm nearby offices.

ATOMIC energy has passed another milestone—its first practical application outside the fields of medicine and weapons. The world's first atomic-powered heating system has gone into operation at Harwell, England, center of British atomic research.

The heat is generated by "Bepo"—one of the Harwell atomic piles—in the course of its normal operation. Up to now this heat has not only been wasted but has cost money, since an air-cooling system is needed to keep the pile at its proper temperature.

Now an eight-ton heat exchanger has been installed at the outlet of the air, which has been heated to 135° while cooling the pile. The exchanger takes this heat and uses it to warm water to 130°. This hot water is then pumped to a second exchanger where it heats the water that circulates through the radiators of a 330,000-cubic-foot building that houses 80 offices. There's no chance for the radiator water to become radioactive—in fact it can safely be used for washing.

Temperatures will be increased when the pile is modified this year. The amount of hot air fed into the exchanger is regulated by a by-pass with a damper to suit the heat demands of the building. The present heat output of 1,000,000 BTU an hour is only a seventh of the rate planned when the system is completed. Eventually the heating circuit will be extended to two or three more buildings in the research center.

The present installation cost about \$42,000, but it is estimated that it will save about \$7,500 a year in reduced fuel bills. But don't start figuring the savings for your house—unless you have an atomic pile handy for a furnace!

It's a Small World

Our solar system, as far out as the planet Saturn, could easily fit inside the largest star in the sky. With a diameter of 2,500,000,000 miles, the star lies in the constellation Auriga. It gives off practically no visible light.

P.S.

Last minute news & notes...

THEY'RE PUTTING WINGS ON SHIPS, but not to make them fly. The Cunard liner "Media" will be the first passenger vessel in North Atlantic service equipped with anti-roll stabilizers, like those developed by the British Navy during the war. The stabilizers are movable flaps that can be extended, under water, to reduce rolling in heavy seas.

NEW KIND OF MOVIE FILM is exceptionally tear- and shrink-resistant, thin enough to provide more footage per reel and less flammable than present safety bases. Developed by du Pont, the base is a synthetic related to Dacron fiber.

DOGS WITH BAD BREATH or an embarrassing tendency to smell too much like dogs can now take heart. Relief is available for them--and for cats, too--in the form of liquid chlorophyll. One teaspoonful, stirred into the main meal of the day, is said to make any dog or cat able to face life unafraid within 12 to 18 hours. Big animals require bigger doses, naturally.

A NEW LOCOMOTIVE for the Pennsy is a regular "substation on wheels"--it draws AC from an overhead wire and converts it by mercury rectifier tube into DC for its motors. One of four being built by Westinghouse, it is expected to have the speed of AC electrics, yet develop 47 percent more tractive effort for easier starting under heavy loads.

ALL LIVING PLANTS are wiped out by a new chemical named CMU. Intended as a weed-killer, it could also be a potent biological-warfare weapon against enemy crop plants.

REFRIGERATORS can now defrost themselves speedily without eating up power to run electric heating elements. Every 24 hours a timer sends

warm refrigerant back to the freezing unit instead of to the condenser, where it would normally give up its heat to the outside air. Frost melts from the inside out, and the food compartment stays cold meanwhile. Called the "magic cycle," the innovation is built into two 1952 Kelvinator models.

A BIG CONTRIBUTION to astronomy in 1951: computation by an electric "super-brain" of accurate new tables that tell the position of Jupiter, Saturn and more remote planets at 40-day intervals up to the year 2060. Inaccuracies in previous tables, growing more serious with passing time, would otherwise have started to throw off ship and plane navigators in a few more years.

TWELVE-VOLT ignition systems are forecast for U.S. cars. Present ones of six volts are proving inadequate for high-compression engines, says H. L. Hartzell, Delco-Remy engineer. A 12-volt system should give hotter sparks, faster cranking speeds, higher output from a generator of the same size and better operation of motors in accessories.

CURRENT COMMENT

"IMPROVEMENT in production methods may offer even greater opportunities than new materials or processes." (Prof. F. K. Shallenberger, Stanford University)... "As our areas of knowledge enlarge into the space of the unknown, the domain of our ignorance extends steadily beyond." (Dr. W. O. Roberts, High Altitude Observatory of Harvard University and the University of Colorado)... "The progress of mankind can be read in the record of the achievements of its engineers." (Dr. Earle S. Ebers, U.S. Rubber Co.)

AN ANTIDOTE may have been found for poisonous beryllium, formerly used in fluorescent lamps and still considered a promising atomic-pile metal. Successfully tested on animals, an organic acid called ATA turns beryllium into a harmless red compound.

The Editors



TV star Norman Brokenshire shows his neighbor, Doreen Wilson, how to remodel an old lamp.

How to Improve the Lamps You Have

Simple changes make reading and working easier on your eyes.

SURE, you like the lamps you have—or you wouldn't have them. But many of them may not be putting out the right light in the right places for easy, healthful seeing.

Modern "functional" lamps come in fancy designs with fancy price tags. But the indirect bulbs, circular fluorescents, diffusers and three-way sockets that make them

efficient are all available as accessories. By using the right attachments, you can bring the lamps you have up to date—and at a fraction of the cost of new ones.

The next four pages show you step by step how to make ordinary lamps more effective and how to place them to put their best foot-candles forward.

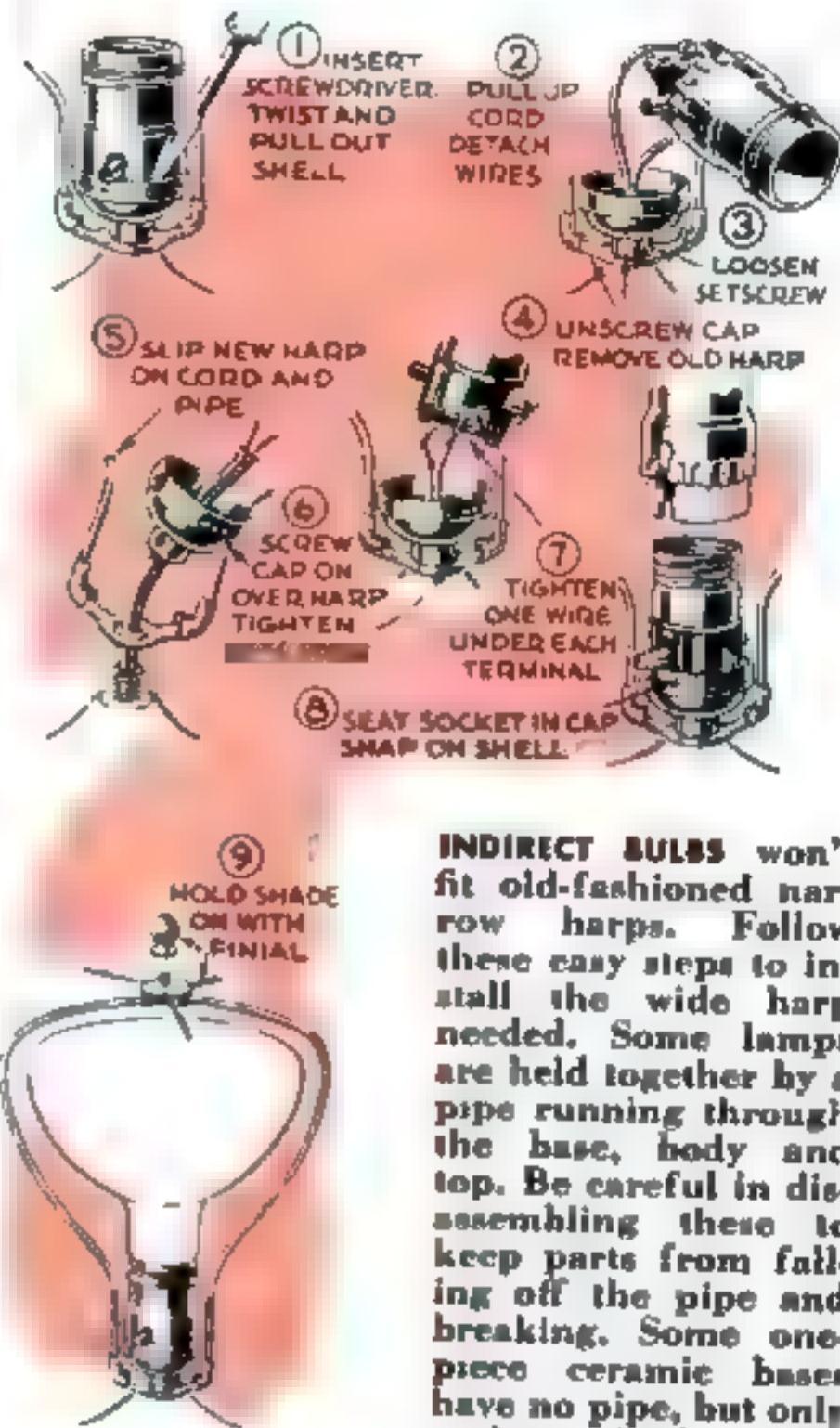


SPOT A TABLE LAMP like this for good reading light with no distracting glare. (If yours isn't high enough, see below.) A 32-watt circular fluorescent tube plus a 150-watt bulb is recommended by General Electric Co. for such a lamp. Or use a wall lamp, placing chair so your book is 15" to right or left of the shade's center and 26" in front of it.



IF LAMP IS TOO LOW, as at left above, it funnels light downward, leaving chair in semi-darkness. Same lamp at right, raised on a wooden block, with inside of opaque shade coated with white water paint and 150-watt Indirect bulb installed, gives ample light.

For Your Favorite Chair



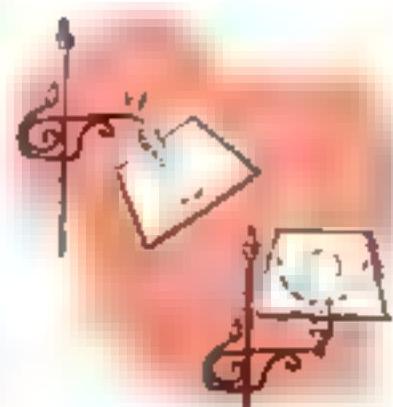
INDIRECT BULBS won't fit old-fashioned narrow harps. Follow these easy steps to install the wide harp needed. Some lamps are held together by a pipe running through the base, body and top. Be careful in disassembling these to keep parts from falling off the pipe and breaking. Some one-piece ceramic bases have no pipe, but only a short nipple at the top. You may have to hold it inside base to unscrew the old socket.

For Homework or Letter Writing at the Desk

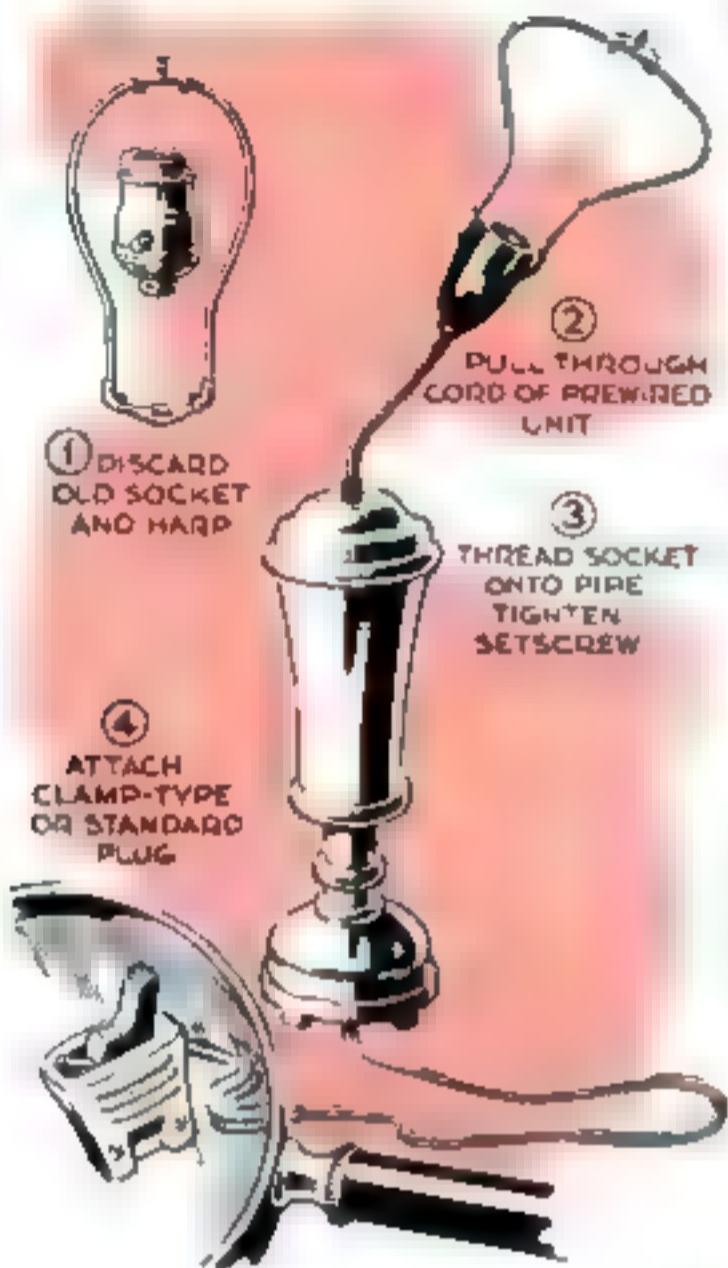


USE ONE TABLE LAMP or two wall lamps to make a desk an efficient work spot. Place the table lamp on the left unless you write left-handed. Pin-up wall lamps over desk should be spaced 30" apart. For a desk more than 2' deep front to back, mount wall lamps on spacer blocks to bring bulbs out to 17" from front desk edge. They should have 6" diffusing bowls and 100-watt bulbs; shades should be neither dark nor very translucent.

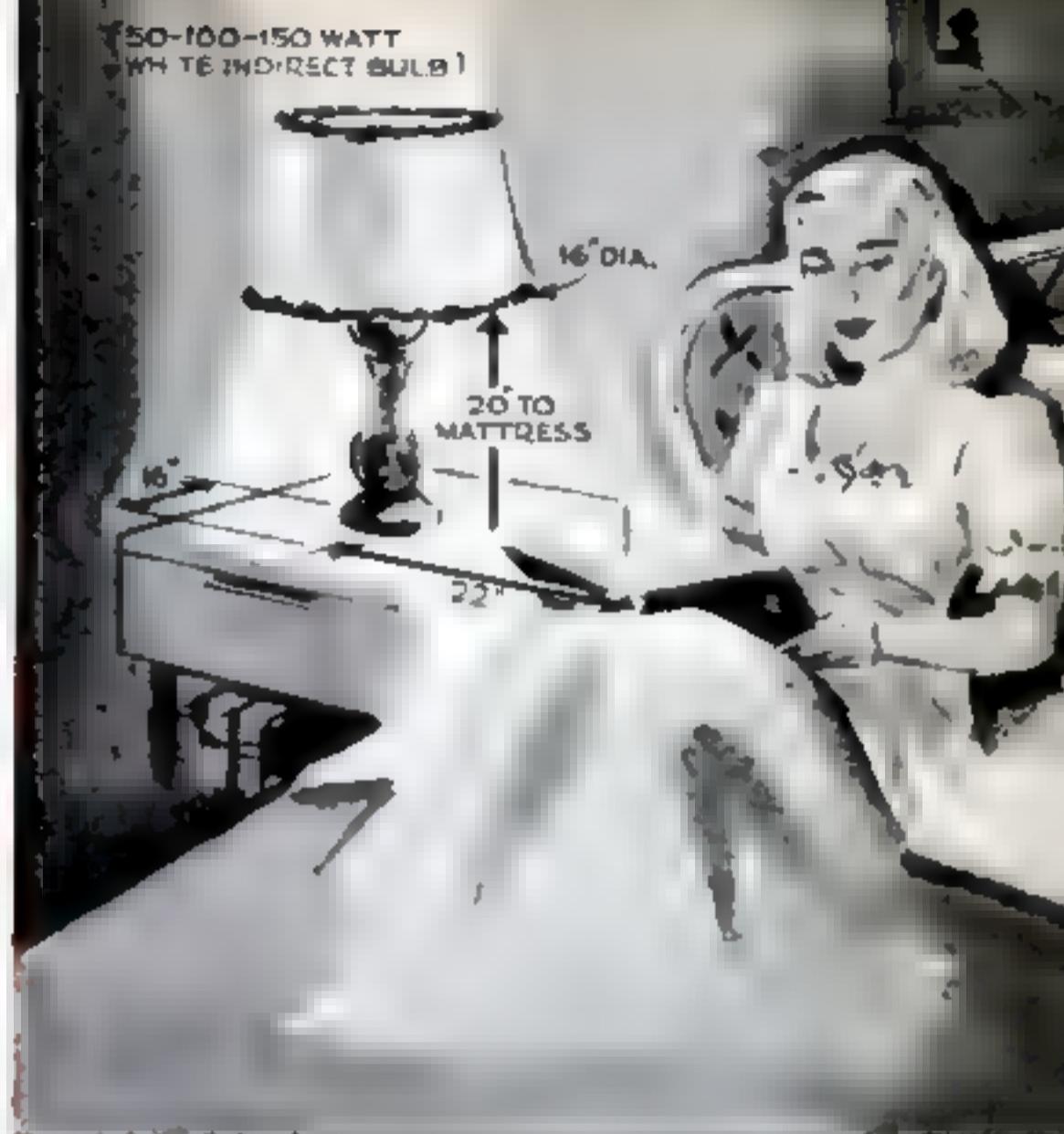
BRIDGE LAMP can be updated without tools. Turn socket straight up. For indirect bulb, get wide harp that screws onto socket shell. For frosted bulb, screw on a plastic diffuser. Have shade edge 48" above floor.



For Bedtime Reading



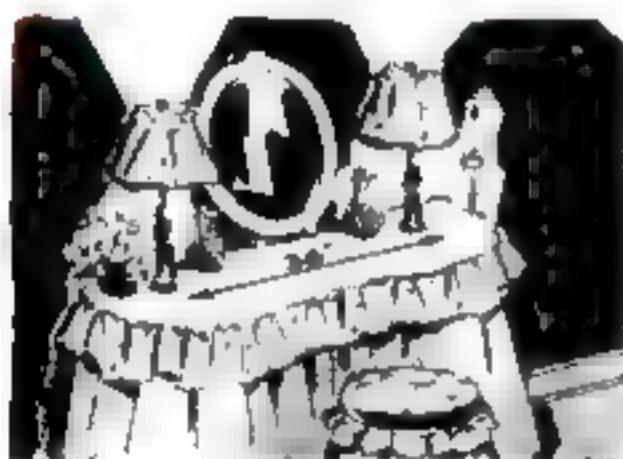
THREE-LIGHT BULBS give you a choice of 50, 100 or 150 watts at the snap of a switch. A special socket with a four-way switch is needed, but it's even easier to install than an ordinary one. Twist socket counter-clockwise before threading it on, to avoid winding up the cord.



FIND THE MURDERER or do other pre-slumber reading in comfort. Light up the pages with either a table lamp located as above, or a wall lamp centered over the bed (right). Use a frosted bulb if the lamp has a diffusing bowl, a mushroom-shaped indirect bulb if it has a bare socket.



For Make-Up Light at a Dresser or Vanity Table

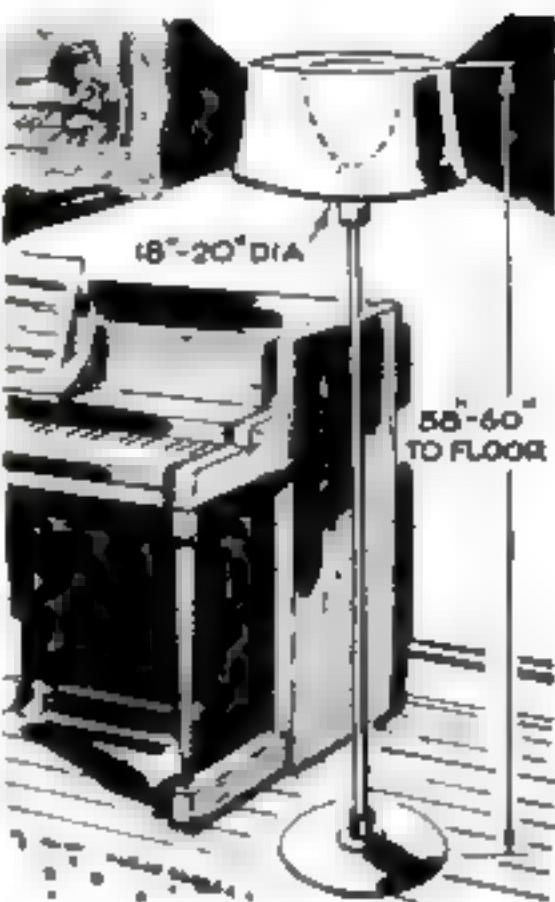


BALANCED LIGHT is what women want for make-up and hairdo. This calls for two lamps. Use tall ones for a dresser as at right, low ones for a vanity as above. Shades should be at least 9" in diameter at the bottom and white or nearly so. Colored shades may alter skin tones.



Please turn the page for more lamp ideas.

For the Piano



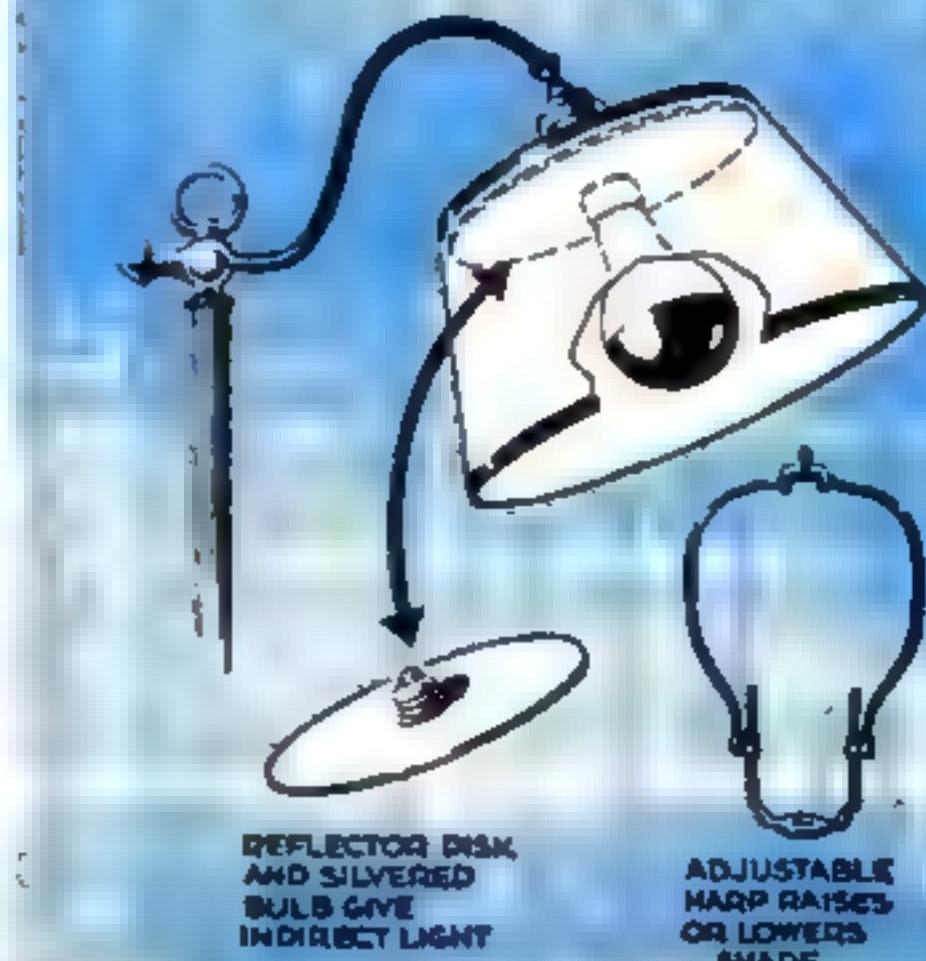
LIGHT THE MUSIC to make playing more fun, practice more effective. Use torcheres as at left, if you have them. Or spot a big floor lamp as above. A swing-arm lamp can be used, too. The arm overhang will let you set it closer—22" to right or left of keyboard center. See drawing at right for remodeling floor lamps.

For the Sewing Chair

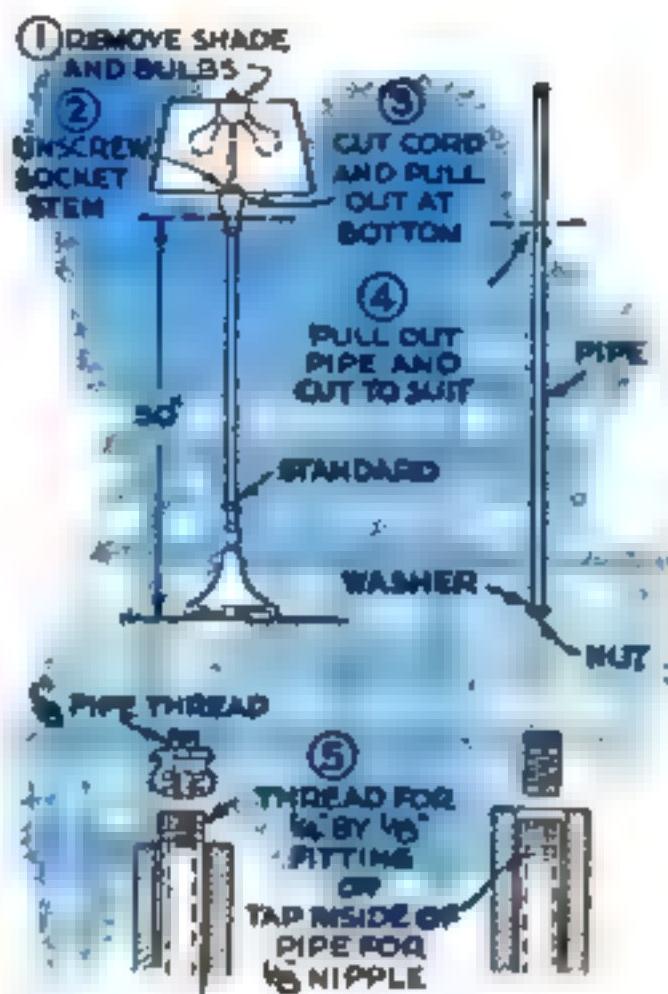


MAKE SEEING EASIER for sewing, darning, and similar close work by having plenty of light. A swing-arm lamp with a fluorescent tube in addition to a 150-watt bulb is GE's recipe. The arm makes it easy to spot light exactly where it's most needed.

These Gadgets Tailor



For the Sofa



REBUILD FLOOR LAMPS like this to provide right pipe thread (it's called $\frac{1}{8}$ " but actually measures $\frac{3}{8}$ ") needed to mount upturned socket or three-light unit shown on page 181. For a big 100-200-300-watt three-light bulb, you need a mogul socket and a "husk" in which it fits.

RECIPE FOR READING on the sofa calls for a good-sized floor lamp with a generously large shade. Spot it alongside the reader as above. General Electric recommends a mogul three-light bulb, or a 150-watt bulb. This may be indirect (mushroom-shaped) type, or an ordinary frosted one in a diffuser or reflector. Lamp arrangements suggested for reading in chairs may be used here, too.

Lamps and Shades to Fit Your Needs



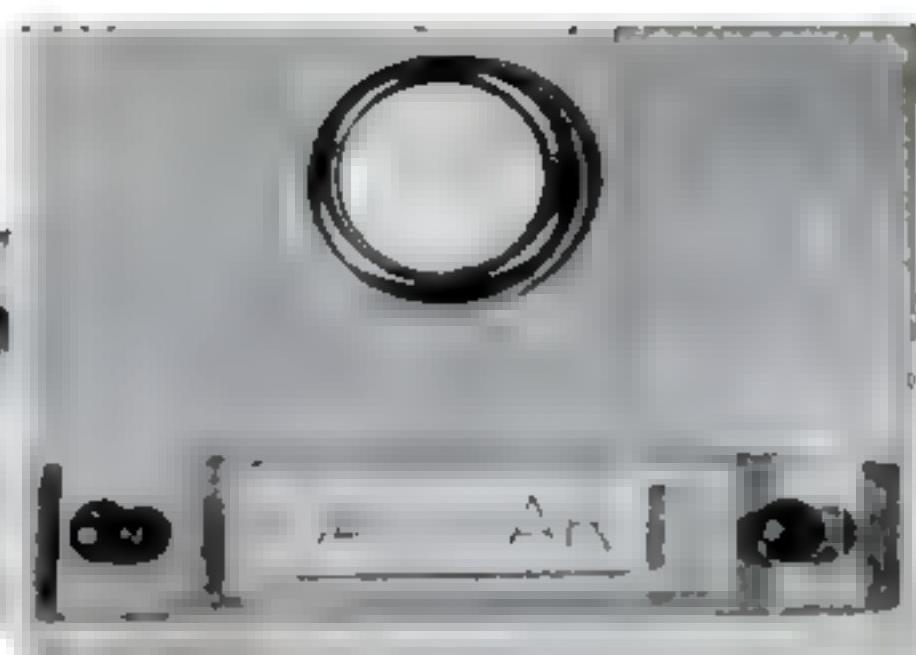


EMBEDDED IN PLASTIC, name strip is sealed against weather. Plate above also holds bell. Simpler one at right is mounted beneath existing bell.

Plastic Sandwich Makes Name Plate for Door

CUT your name out of a calling card or stationery, sandwich it between two pieces of clear plastic—and you have an attractive name plate for your door.

Making either of the two styles shown above requires no special equipment. Use acrylic plastic, cutting the pieces slightly larger than the printed paper strip. Thor-



oughly wet the meeting plastic surfaces with solvent until they are softened sufficiently to take up the thickness of the card. Set the name in position on the base, add the cover piece and clamp the assembly in a padded vise to squeeze out bubbles. When the joint is dry, sand the unit smooth and buff to a high polish.

"Chicketeria" Made from Barrel

A WOODEN barrel and scraps of lumber were used by Chester Young of Arlington, Vt., to make this automatic chicken feeder (left). He removed both ends of the barrel and placed it in a wooden bin 8" high. Four 2" strips hold the barrel off the bottom of the bin, permitting the feed to sift down. The hanging lid discourages chickens from perching on top of the feeder.—Eleanor Gilman, Middletown Springs, Vt.

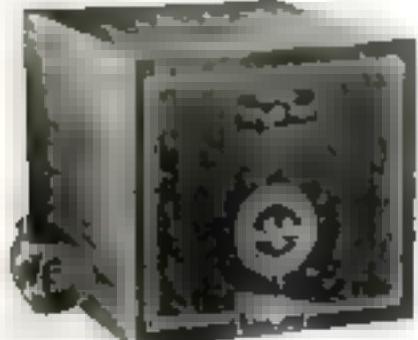
Tape Player Attaches to Radio

THE playback machine below is the magnetic-tape equivalent of a phonograph record player. It plays from a pre-recorded tape but does not record sound. The Pentron Corp., Chicago, makes one model for attachment to a radio-TV or phonograph, and another with its own built-in amplifier and speaker.

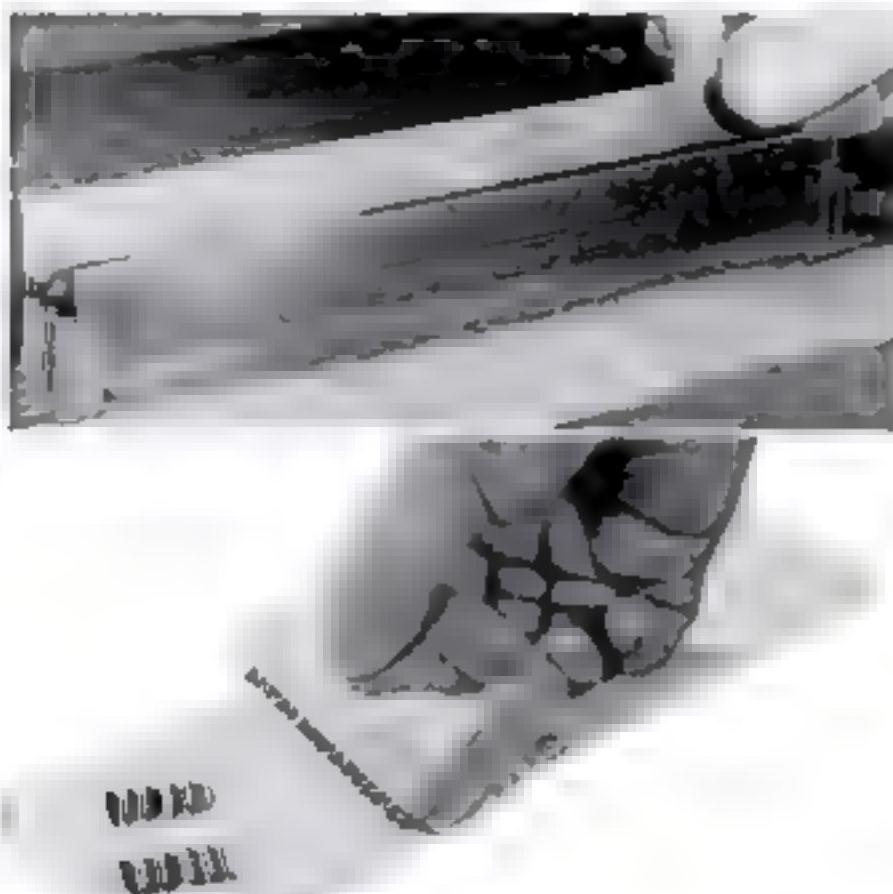


Reactivator Brightens TV Screen

A WORN-OUT picture tube may get a new lease on life from this cathode-ray "reactivator." Gases released by tube elements tend to "poison" the cathode's barium surface and reduce its ability to emit electrons. The reactivator heats the cathode and partially restores the barium surface, increasing picture brightness. The tube does not have to be removed from the set. The device, made for servicemen's use by Transvision, Inc., New Rochelle, N.Y., does not repair broken or shorted components in the tube.



Wood Fasteners Do Other Jobs



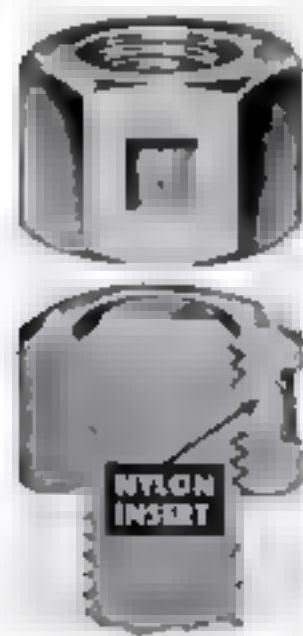
CORRUGATED wood fasteners can handle many extra duties in your home and shop. Steel rules and straight-edges, which are awkward to pick up from a flat surface, can be tucked neatly on edge between fasteners partly driven into a shelf (top). Mounted end to end "dotted-line" tool for perforating paper (center). Make a saw cut in a block of wood and force in the fasteners.—J. J. Rea, Urbana, Ill.

they make a simple "dotted-line" tool for perforating paper (center). Make a saw cut in a block of wood and force in the fasteners.

Small glass jars that might accidentally be brushed from a shelf can be held in a snug-fitting fence of the fasteners.—J. J. Rea, Urbana, Ill.

Nuts Locked by Plugs of Nylon

Lock washers are eliminated by the nylon insert in one of the hex faces of this nut.



The nylon plug is compressed but not cut by the threads, providing a positive locking effect at any point on the bolt—it does not have to be seated. When the nut is removed, the nylon resumes its original shape so the nut can be reused. Townsend Co., New Brighton, Pa., makes it.



February

The year's shortest month can seem the longest when you're waiting for spring. But don't just dream of outdoor days ahead. There's plenty to do inside.

• You can repair and paint outdoor furniture. You can check your garden tools, and resharpen the lawn mower. Hotbeds and cold frames can be readied for early planting. Basement storage rooms can be built against an early harvest of garden vegetables. If you are going to screen in a porch this year, prefabricate the screens now as suggested on p. 208.

• This is also a good month to fight noise on the home front. Check faucets for dripping, or chattering washers. Clean plumbing drains and traps. Stop banging in water pipes by installing water-hammer silencers. This is easier than it seems. First, install a tee in the water line as near as possible to the noisy valve; second, thread a three-foot capped pipe into the tee, straight out if space permits.

• Clear snow off roof and away from cellar windows and sills as soon as possible because alternate thawing and freezing may cause leakage.



Look What They Did with a Bottle

Empty bottles are full of ideas
for imaginative hobbyists. Here are a few.



A JUGFUL OF MOONSHINERS (left) is the work of James G. Klein of Chicago. He carved the cabin and figures from balsa and basswood, took them apart, then pegged and glued each piece in place inside the bottle.



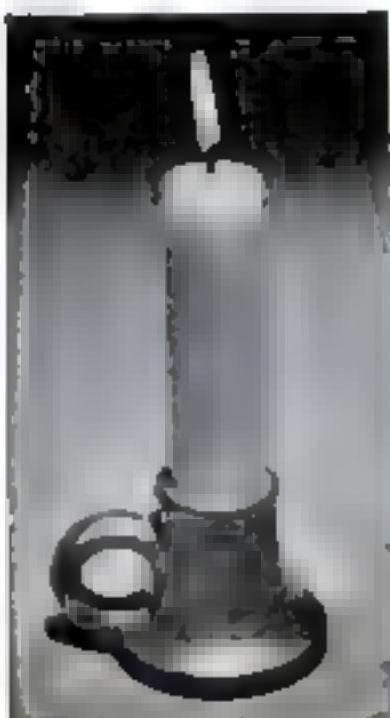
BOTTLE CARICATURE is a specialty of Mrs. Berta Simpson, Oakland, Calif., who has made and sold dozens—all different. She uses self-hardening clay, paints in colorful details.

VASE LOOKS LIKE POTTERY, but was made without a wheel. Ruth Perlmutter, Freeport, N. Y., coated bottle base with Foolstone molding powder.

YOU can get more out of a bottle than what comes inside. When it's empty it really gets interesting. Typical of the many useful, decorative items craftsmen create from the jugs, jars and bottles that most of us throw away are the examples on these pages. They are a few of the hundreds submitted in a recent contest sponsored by the Glass Bottle Blowers Association.



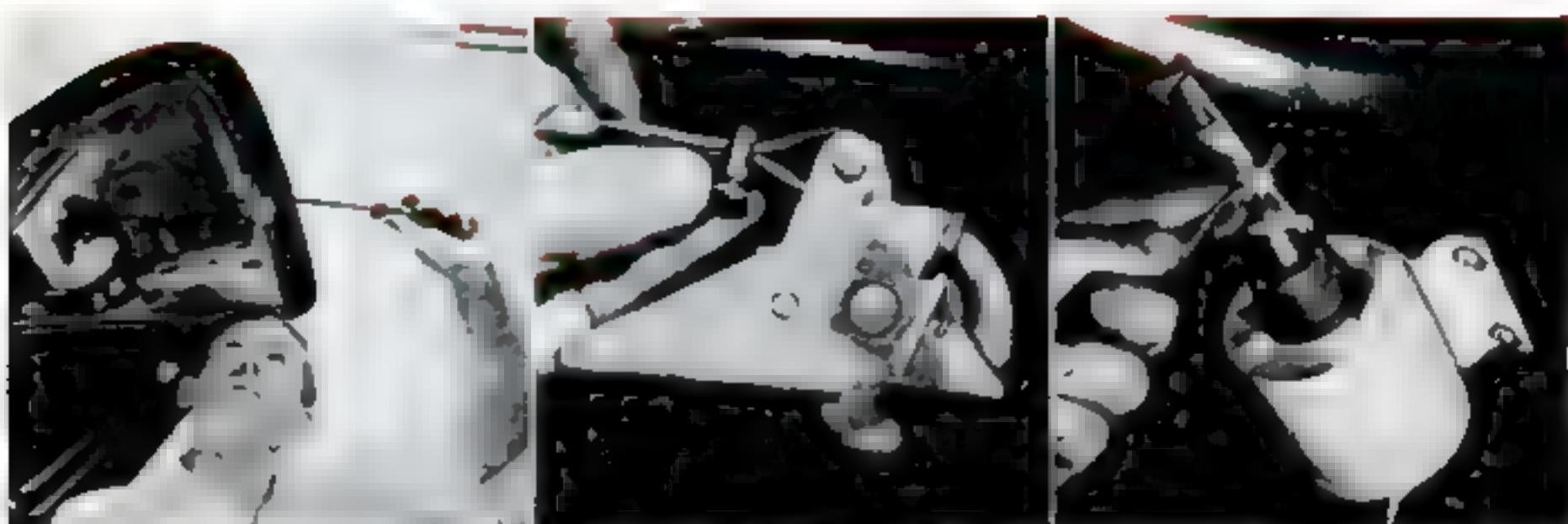
TWISTED CREPE PAPER wrapped around jar forms base of lamp above. Jelly glass (left), covered same way, becomes attractive container. Mrs. A. Dellget, Wheeling, W. Va., pasted wax paper around glass, coiled crepe from bottom up, shellacked it.



OLD FORMS LOOK NEW when bottles are cut apart. Andrew M. Harvey, Waterville, Ohio, found attractive shapes that everyone has seen but few have noticed. Candle holder (left) is a cutoff jug neck. Ash tray with knock-out knob in bottom of wine bottle, complete with dimple. Another wine bottle, cut diagonally, produced both candle sconce and wall planter at right.



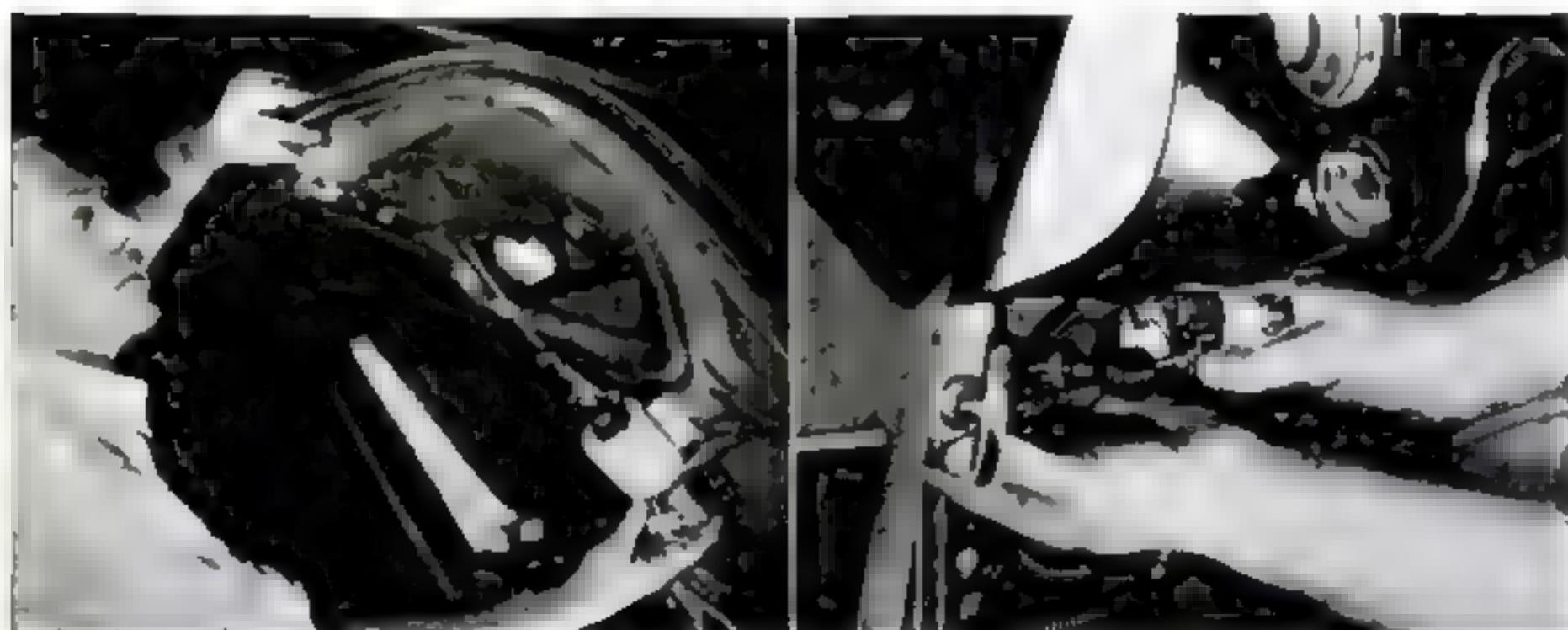
Pop-Up Trunks Are Here at Last



TO INSTALL OPENER, either electric or direct-pull type, first remove the deck latch as above so release cable can be attached.

LOOP CABLE around pivot pin of the latch mechanism. Leave clamp slightly loose to permit adjustment of the cable length later.

SOLENOID opens latch in an electric system. Mount it under deck with sheet-metal screws. Then adjust cable length and tighten it.



TEST OPERATION before closing trunk lid. A temporary setup is being used here. After opener is working smoothly, tape a wire from solenoid along car frame to instrument panel.

MOUNT SWITCH on dash, picking up a hot wire connection at any convenient spot. The switch bracket shown was made from a scrap of polished-aluminum stair-tread nosing.

Sit in your car, press a switch or pull a knob, and deck lid flies open. No need for the extra lock and key.

By E. F. Lindsley

FOR years, many car hoods have unlocked from the driver's seat. Now you can apply a similar rig to the luggage compartment. With a home-installed electric opener, you simply touch a dashboard button. A solenoid under the deck lid then yanks a cable, the cable unhooks the latch and the spring-actuated lid pops up. (For a plush sports car with a similar gadget, see p. 99.)

Supplied as a kit for about \$10, this accessory is easy to install and works well. If you fret about the possibility that a run-

down battery might keep the lid locked, you can use a manual pull cable, terminating in a handle located somewhere on the parcel deck behind the rear seat. This works well on a coupe, but is inconvenient on other body types.

Whatever you do, be sure the system is operating perfectly before you close the lid. Accidental closing means a ticklish job of releasing the latch mechanism by poking through the handle bolt hole—or removing the rear seat.

Getting rid of the trunk handle allows you to smooth off the deck—a popular customizing job these days. For a quick and easy job, you can plug the bolt holes with jeweled reflectors. But filling in with solder and repainting the area gives a neater result. END



DIRECT CABLE PULL can also be installed. With one end attached to latch, run the cable through any convenient openings to a small hole punched in fiberboard parcel deck.



ANY PULL HANDLE will do for cable terminal behind seat. Here a door knob was attached to cable with a setscrew. Reliability and minimum expense are advantages of this outfit.



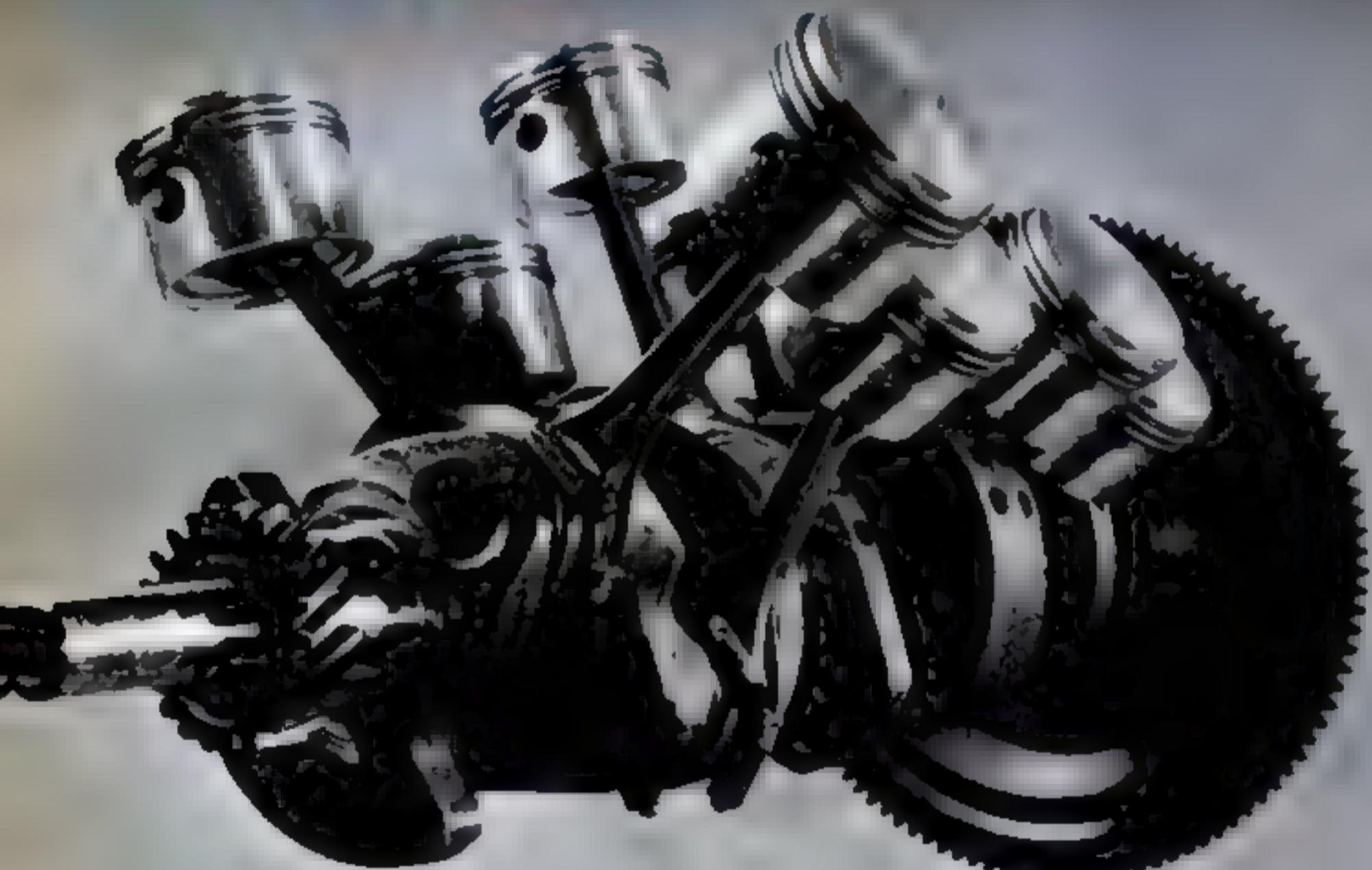
FOR CUSTOM LOOK, trunk handle can be removed and deck smoothed off (left). The holes were filled with disks of brass shim stock soldered into place. Solder was then ground flush with deck surface and minor imperfections filled with body putty, scraped on with a sheet of cardboard.

RUBBING OUT with compound was final step (right) after matching lacquer had been sprayed on. Before this, the body putty had been wet-sanded, the surface cleaned, sprayed with primer surfacer, and the primer wet-sanded and then feathered out into original finish.



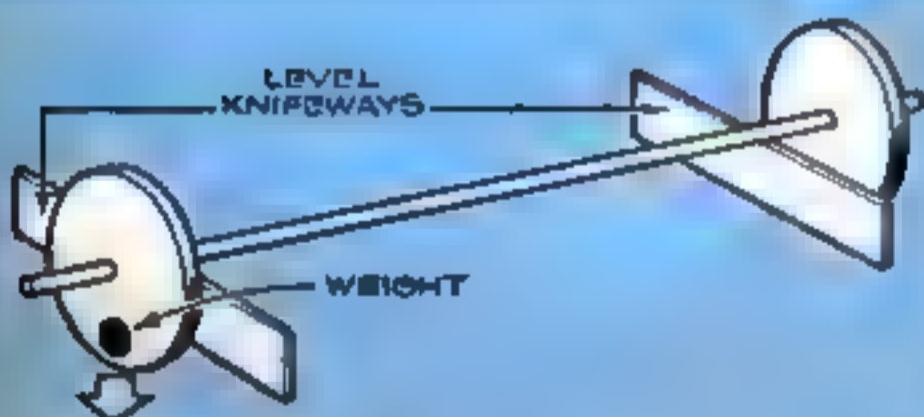
Specialist Balances Engines

for Peak Speeds

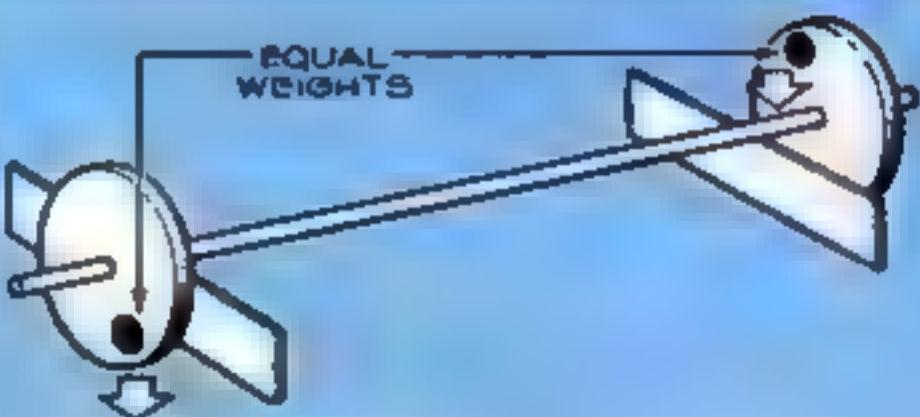


BALANCED AND BEAUTIFUL. These are the parts that need dynamic balancing. Con rods and

pistons are matched to lightest in set. Crank-shaft is balanced by drilling counterweights.



HERE IS STATIC UNBALANCE. Roll this shaft on knifeways (which reduce friction) and it always will come to rest with weight down because gravity carries it to lowest possible point. But odd equal weight to second disk at 180° to position of first, and you get . . .



. . . **STATIC BALANCE.** Rolled on knifeways, shaft now stops with weights in any position, for pull of gravity on one exactly equals that on other. But in a car engine, this is not enough, for "static" means standing balance. Revolve shaft fast and . . .

Removing throb from a spinning crankshaft takes a nice touch. Here's how Bob Osiecki does it.

By Howard G. McEntee

EVERY large service garage has its specialists. But in Lyndhurst, N.J., you'll find an entire garage devoted to just one specialty—and a rare one at that.

The specialist is Bob Osiecki. His work is dynamic balancing of auto engines. His clients are mostly racing drivers and speed or high-performance enthusiasts. But he also does occasional jobs for owners of average family cars.

What Osiecki does looks simple. Just drilling holes in the counterweights of crankshafts and filing metal off con rods and pistons. But where to drill and how much to file? That's the trick.

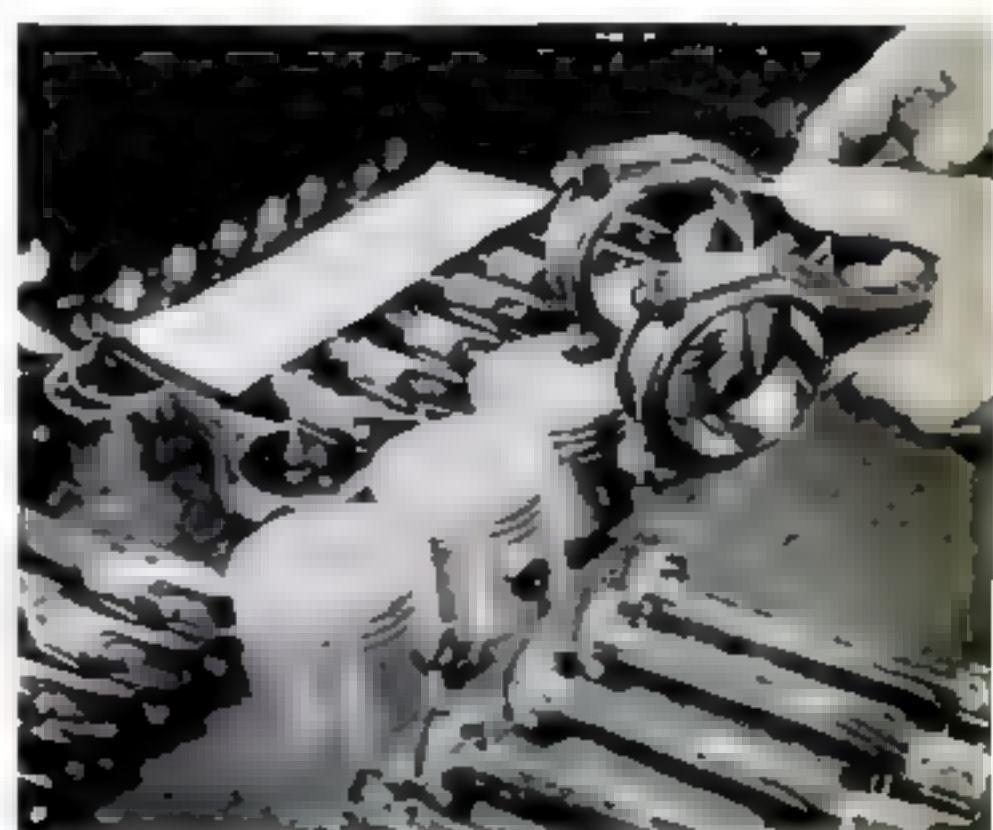
In all the United States, there are only a few mechanics qualified and equipped for dynamic balancing. Osiecki is one of the best known in the East.

What it does. Dynamic balancing saves oil. It prevents bearing wear. It gives smoother engine operation at all speeds. It increases top r.p.m. 10 percent or more carrying horsepower up a bit, too. The latter point naturally appeals strongly to all racing drivers and high-performance enthusiasts. But none of these advantages is the major one that first brought dynamic balancing into being—on the race tracks.

On the tracks, an engine must turn over far faster than on the highways. Stock engines were not designed for such speeds. Every manufacturer makes a definite effort to get engine balance within factory toler-



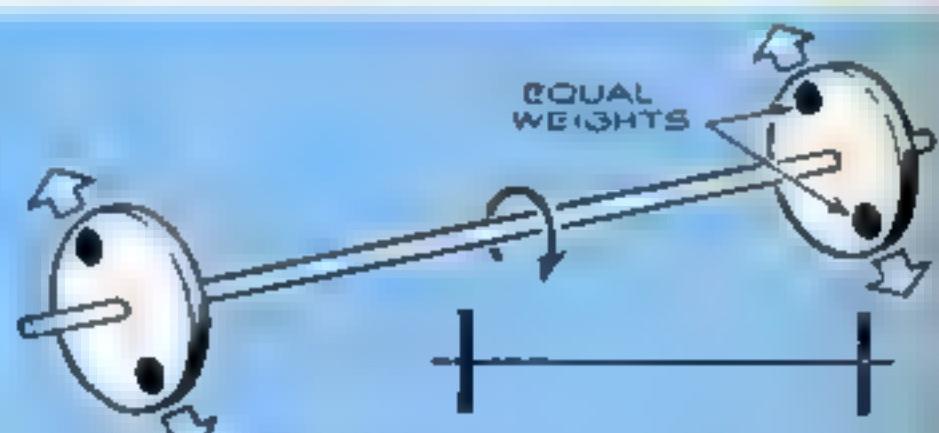
1 BALANCING JOB starts as Bob Osiecki weighs each end of each con rod. Not only must rods weigh the same, but each must have same balance point if rested on knife edge.



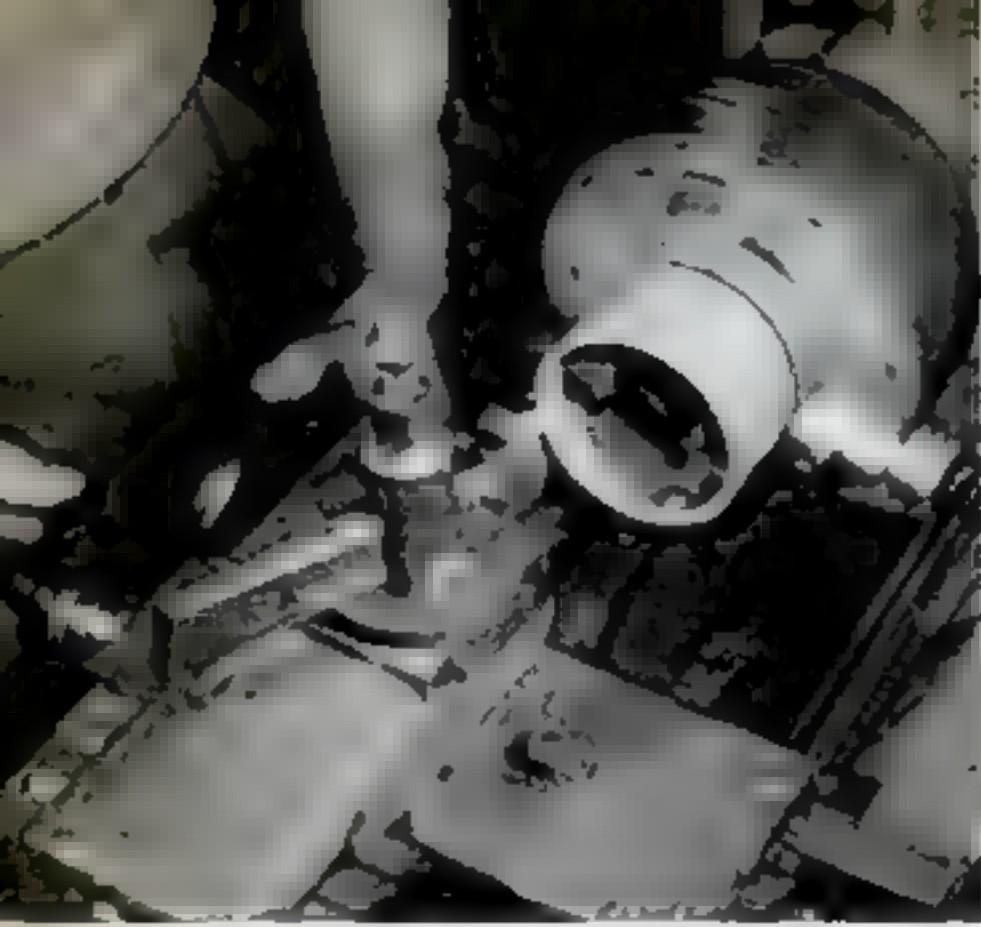
2 RODS ARE GROUNDED as required to match lightest one in set. Notice where metal was removed at right of nut on rod held in left hand above. Matched sets are on bench.



... **DYNAMIC UNBALANCE** shows up. Centrifugal force, which you feel in whirling a weight on a string, makes revolving weights try to fly outward. If free, shaft would wobble (dotted lines) as its ends moved in a circular path. To fix this, shaft needs ...



... **DYNAMIC BALANCE**. It is achieved in this example by adding weights to counteract the original one-sided centrifugal force—and the shaft runs true. In actual engine balancing, weight is removed from heavy side of shaft by drilling or filing away metal.



3 METAL IS CUT from inner surface of a piston skirt with piston chucked in lathe. Like the con rods, pistons are matched to the lightweight of the set. Long practice enables Osecki to lighten a set of pistons with minimum cutting and weighing.

ances. But where the factory leaves off is just where balancing experts such as Bob Osecki begin.

Without dynamic balancing, a racing engine could never safely rev up to 6,000 r.p.m. or better. If you know anything about the science of dynamics, you know that even a fraction of an ounce, slightly misplaced, multiplies enormously when a mass revolves at such speeds. Unless the

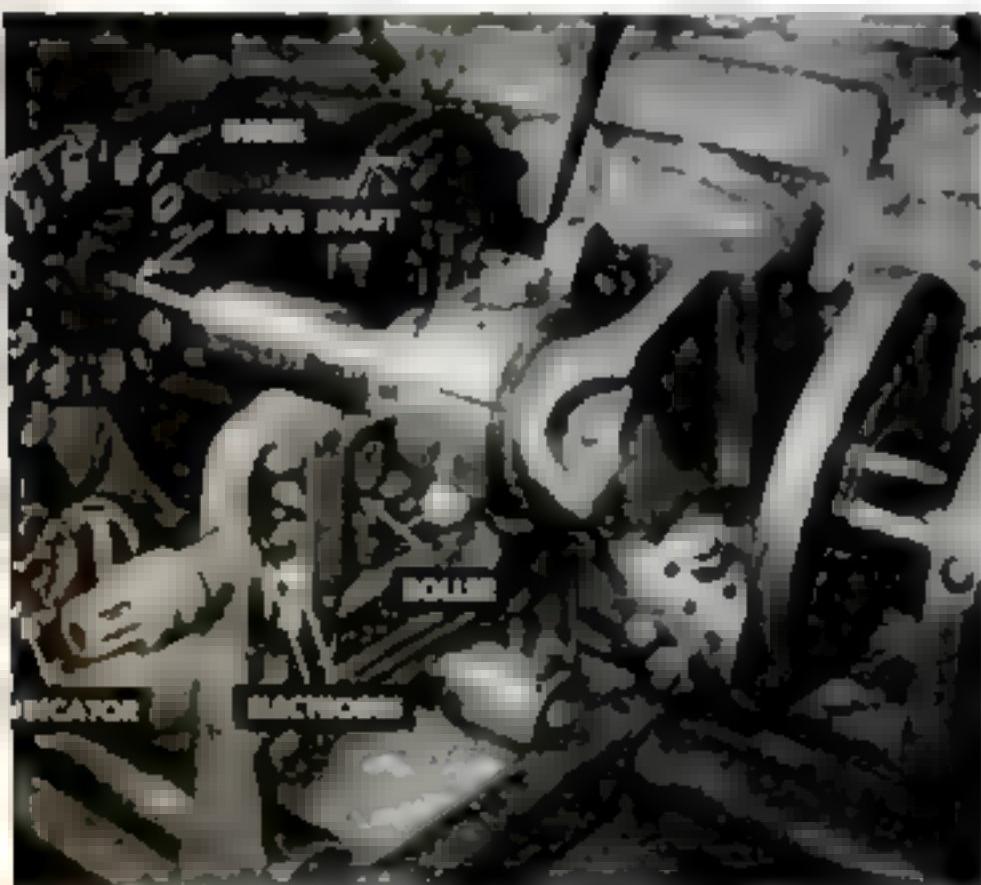


4 MATCHED PISTONS. On very heavy ones, wrist-pin bosses are shaved to cut over-all weight. In weighing rods and pistons, a very accurate balance is used. It weighs to .1 gram (1/300 ounce). Piston rings aren't touched—they usually match when new.

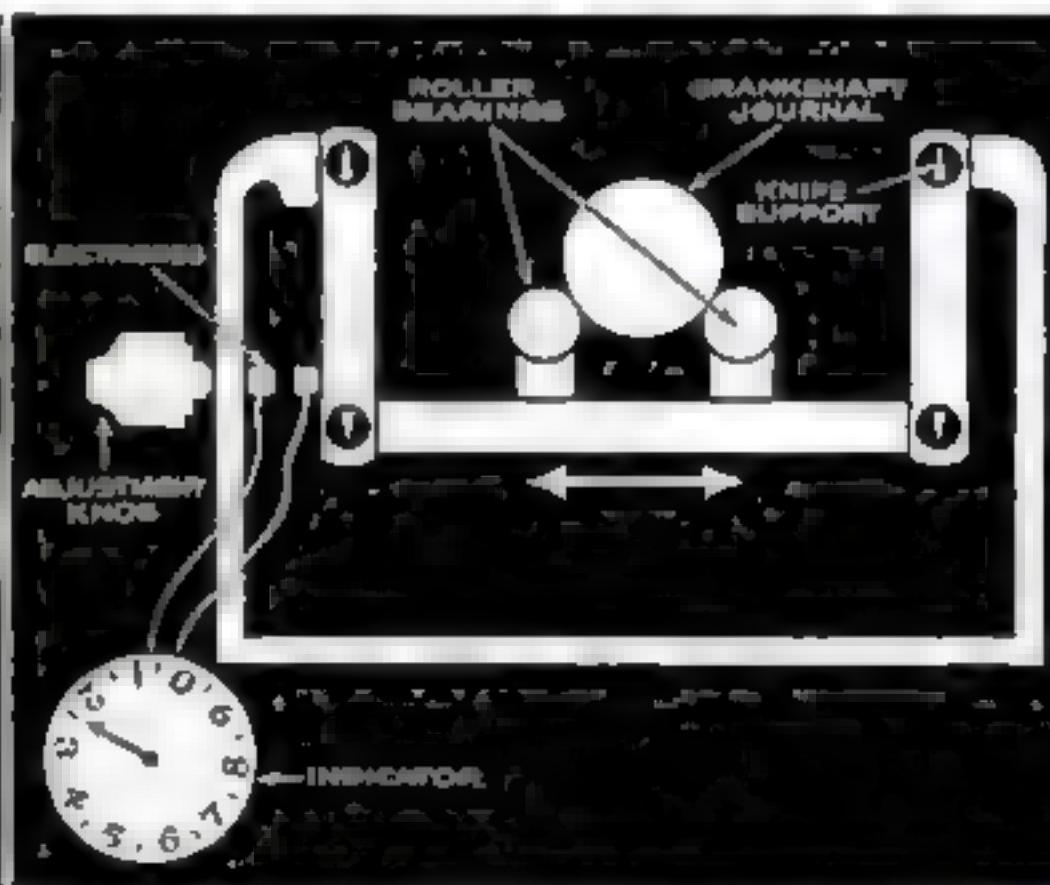
engine is in pretty good balance, it may quickly throw a piston or con rod.

How it works. If you ever have run a pulley at high speeds, you know it must be centered exactly, that one side must not be heavier than the other. An off-center pulley could shake itself to pieces if revolved fast enough.

An engine crankshaft is, in effect, a series of pulleys in line on the same shaft,



5 HEAVY SPOTS ARE FOUND by rotating shaft in freely suspended cradle. Cradle swings back and forth as heaviest point on shaft, turned by electric motor, passes each side. As cradle swings, it makes contact with electrodes at each end, firing numbered spark-gap indicator (small dial). Rotary contacts arranged as in auto distributor cause spark



to jump at number on dial that corresponds to heavy point on shaft. Operator then sets index dial (large one on shaft) to corresponding number. This locates heavy point around shaft. To locate point along shaft, operator moves first one electrode, then the other, closer to cradle. End that sparks first is wobbling most and thus is heavier.



5 HERE'S THE SECRET of job. Bob weights must be placed on crank throws before a shaft can be balanced. To find how heavy to make them for a V-type engine, the weights of the con rods, pistons with pins, pin locks and rings are entered in a special formula.



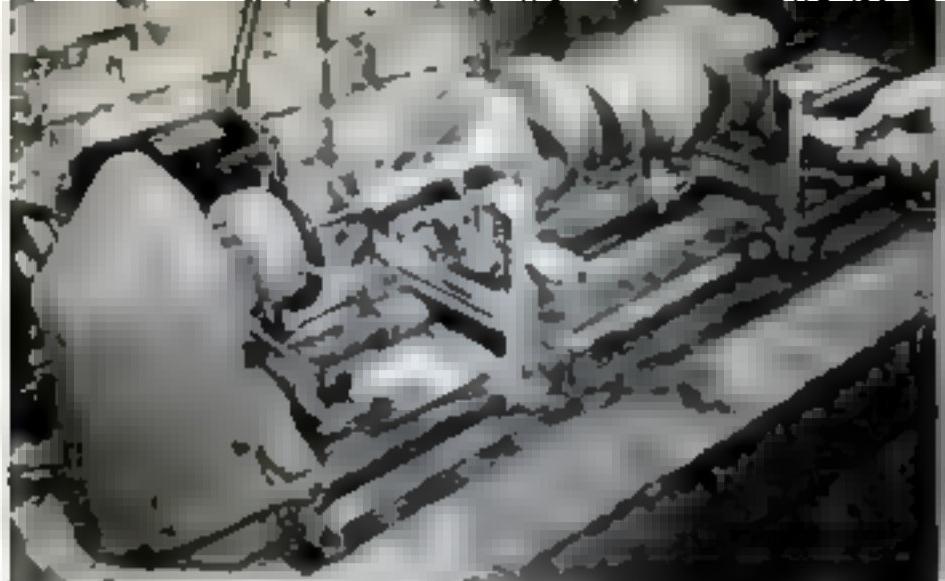
6 MATCHED BOBS, brought to weight indicated by formula, are clamped on the throws. The formula? Osiecki isn't talking. He developed it the hard way. It is required in balancing a V engine because the rods and pistons affect balance of shaft from two planes.



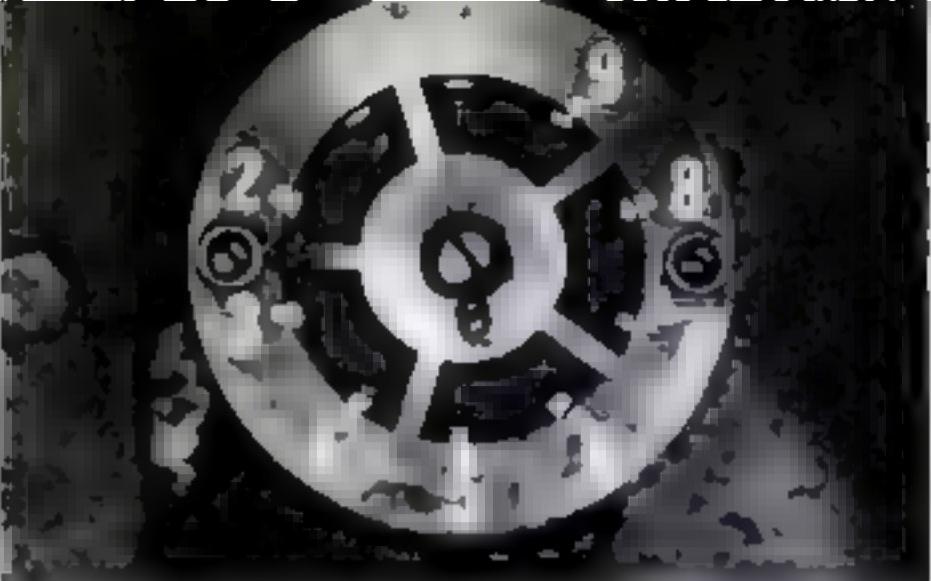
8 HOLES ARE DRILLED to remove weight at heavy spots located on cradle. But easy does it! Holes are not drilled full depth first time. Removing too much weight would throw off balance in other direction. A double-thickness counterweight like second from right is drilled as two separate units, since that's how it functions when it revolves.



9 BACK AGAIN for another test on balancing machine, shown in full here. In early stages, shaft is revolved only in spurts. If badly unbalanced, a shaft spun at high speed would jump out of cradle. Electrode knobs are gradually moved closer as shaft nears balance point and swings less. For stability, balancer rests on 3,000-pound concrete block.



10 BALANCING BEGINS at 200 r.p.m. When speed can be raised to 2,500 r.p.m. without a tremor, as above, Osiecki considers shaft okay for engine use at 6,000 r.p.m.



11 PERFECT BALANCE—and indicator shows it. Sparks at each number mean electrodes have been turned up to make continuous contact and shaft isn't swinging at all.

one at each throw. When the shaft revolves, the counterweights, connecting rods, and pistons all have their say as to whether the shaft will run smooth and true. If the shaft tries to wobble, if the spinning mass isn't centered right, trouble develops. Periodic vibrations shake the whole car. Power is wasted because bearing loads go way up. When bearings wear, oil consumption jumps.

Specialist's job. Equipment required for dynamic balancing is not particularly complex. In fact, some of it is homemade. But you have to know how to use it.

Osiecki makes it clear that balancing the crankshaft alone is hardly worth the trouble. Real results aren't achieved until all the moving parts—including pistons, rods, flywheel and clutch plate—are included.

The cost? If Osiecki does all the tearing

down and reassembly work, the average balance job runs around \$125. If you show up with a box of engine parts, balancing alone costs about \$40.

For racing drivers and hot rodders, the value of this work has long been proved. How about the average family sedan?

Well, if your driving mostly involves short-haul, modest-speed trips, you can forget about dynamic balancing. It probably wouldn't pay out. But if your gearshift lever vibrates at 29 m.p.h., the front fenders start to flap at 43 and the car shakes as though it were about to take off at 56—brother, you could use some dynamic balancing!

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Next Month: If you have a two-door sedan, you have a traveling bedroom. POPULAR SCIENCE shows you the three conversion steps.

ELECTRICAL TERMS

Ampere. This designates the amount of current flowing through a wire at any given instant. Ampere ratings on fuses, switches, outlets and wires mean they are able to handle the stated amount of electricity safely.

Volt. This is the unit of electric pressure that forces current to flow through the wires. No current (amperes) can flow without this pressure (volts). Fuses, switches, outlets, and wires are rated in volts as well as amperes. An electrical appliance also has a voltage rating, indicating that it is safe to use at that pressure.

Watt. This is the unit of electric power. You determine it by multiplying volts by

amperes. For instance, an appliance drawing 5 amperes at 120 volts will use 600 watts. Most appliances show the watts they use.

Watt-Hour. This is the unit of electrical work. It is the unit of electric power (watt) multiplied by the time (hour). Since the watt-hour is too small a unit for most practical purposes, work done by electricity is usually measured in units of 1,000 watt-hours—kilowatt-hours.

Voltage Drop. This means a drop in electric pressure. It occurs when too many appliances or lights are connected to the electric system. It makes appliances inefficient and slow in their operation.

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Keeping Your Battery Alive

BATTERIES FREEZE if undercharged during severe winter weather. At a specific-gravity reading of 1.150, a battery would freeze at 5° F. At 1.250, it would be safe to minus 62° F. After adding battery water in cold weather, be sure to run the engine to mix the water and electrolyte.

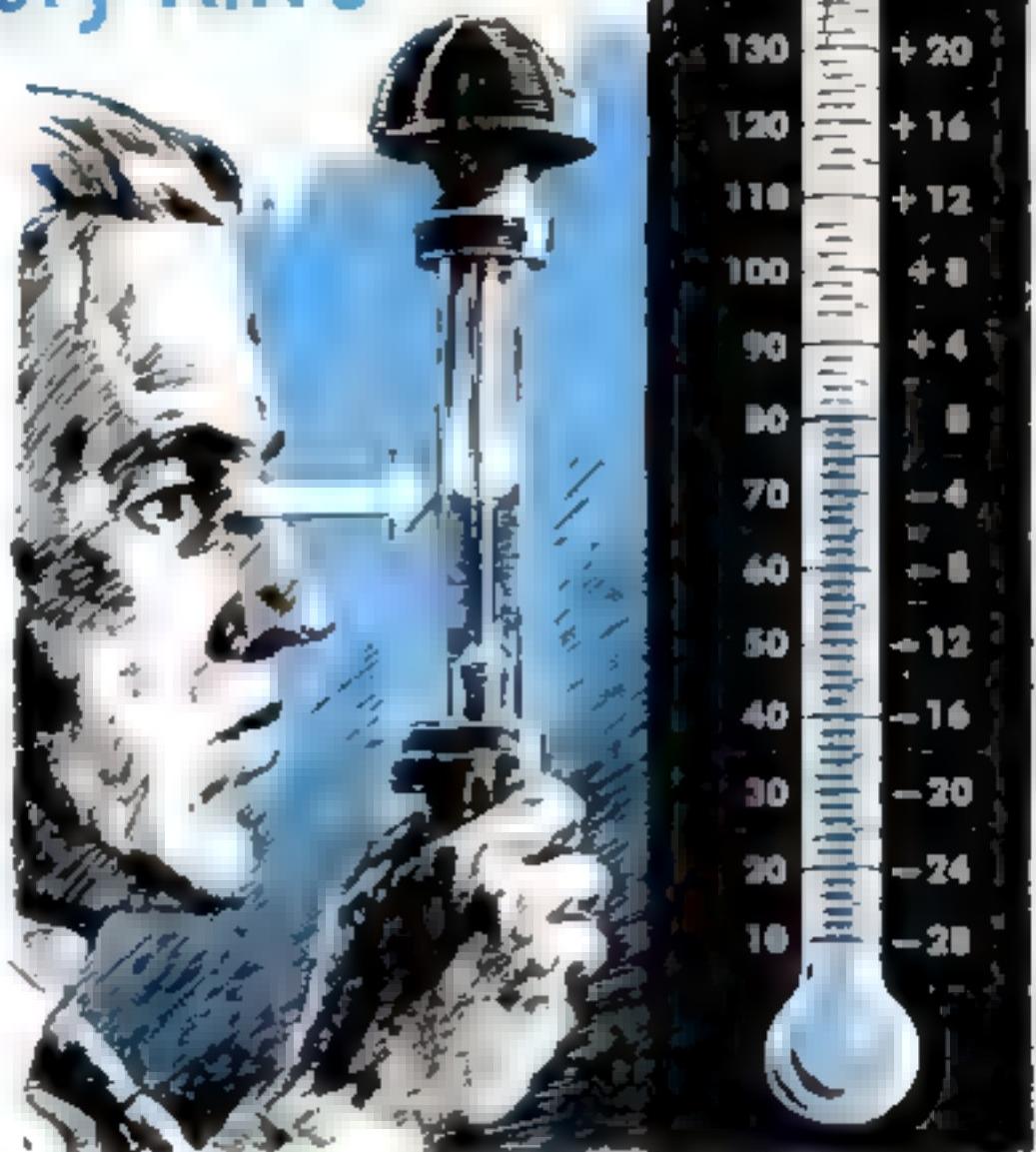
ADD DISTILLED WATER as required to keep electrolyte level above plates and separators. Check this at least every two weeks. Correct level varies with battery type. Know yours.



HYDROGEN GAS is a by-product of battery charging. Because this is highly explosive, all flames should be kept away from a battery on the charging rack, especially when it's open. A static spark can also explode this gas.

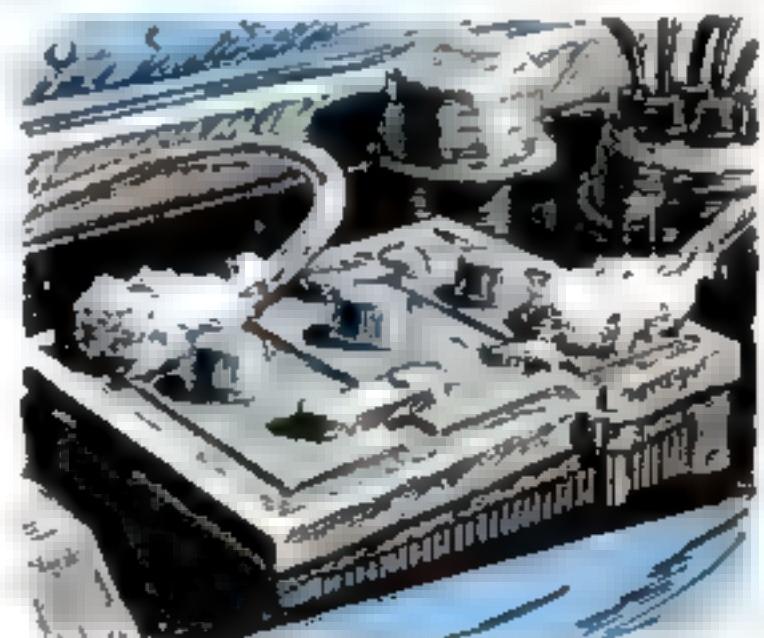


EXCESSIVE WATER LOSS from all cells indicates overcharging. This reduces battery life and can damage lights, ignition contacts and other electrical parts. If overcharging occurs, generator regulator probably needs attention.



TO READ A HYDROMETER, hold it straight and keep your eye level with surface of liquid. Ignore liquid curvature at edges. Hydrometer gives direct reading only at 80° F. Chart shows specific gravity points (right column) you should add to or subtract from reading at other temperatures (left column). If corrected specific gravity is less than 1.250 in any cell, charge battery. When taking readings, do not transfer electrolyte from one cell to another.

IN BUYING A BATTERY, pick one with an ampere-hour capacity at least equal to the original. Get one of greater capacity if you have installed additional electrical equipment. In most cars, standard battery has only enough capacity for original equipment.



CORRODED TERMINALS may cut down generator input or weaken starter performance. Brush clean, wash in baking-soda solution, coat lightly with petroleum jelly.



When he pulled up in front of the Model Garage, the radiator of the brand-new car was boiling. "Temperamental youngster," Gus muttered to himself.

Gus Helps Tie a Knot



It looked as if the happy couple would have to spend their honeymoon in a roadside garage—unless Gus came to the rescue.

By Martin Bunn

IT WAS a sleety evening and Gus Wilson, his chin tucked well down into the upturned collar of his overcoat, was trudging toward Dan's Grill for some dinner. It had been one of those days at the Model Garage and he was glad it was over. He was looking forward to a sizzling steak with French fries and later an evening at home with a magazine.

Just then a pert voice interrupted his thoughts. "Hello, Mr. Wilson."

Gus looked down to find a very attractive young lady walking beside him. After a second look, he realized it was Peggy Anne Simpson, daughter of the vice-president of the local bank.

"Why, Peggy Simpson," said Gus, taking her arm to help her buck the cold wind. "What on earth are you doing out on a night like this? Thought you were getting married tomorrow afternoon."

Wedding Prospects Look Dim

Peggy laughed a nervous little laugh. "I hope I'm getting married tomorrow."

"What do you mean, hope?"

"Tom—that's my fiancé, Tom Thornton—hasn't gotten here yet, darn it," explained Peggy, clamping her hat down more firmly on her pretty blond head. "He's driving up from Stanton—that's his home. I expected him early today, but he called tonight to say he's having trouble with the new car he bought me for a wedding present. He's stranded about halfway here."

"Trouble with a new car? What kind of trouble?"

"If I didn't love that man I'd be inclined to doubt his story. Here we're shivering with

the cold and he claims our brand-new car is overheating."

By this time Gus and Peggy had reached the neon-lit door to Dan's place. "Join me?" asked Gus.

"I'd love to, Mr. Wilson, but I've got some last-minute arrangements to make for tomorrow—if Tom ever gets here. Gosh, I just happened to think, I guess our honeymoon will have to be postponed too. We'd planned a trip in the car."

"Well," Gus said sympathetically, "if I can be of any help, don't forget to call on me."

Gus Meets Tom Thornton

At about 2:15 the next afternoon a very tired- and worried-looking young man drove his car onto the concrete apron in front of the Model Garage. Gus had seen the car pull up and had the repair-shop door open.

"Mr. Wilson?" the driver inquired tensely as he slid out from under the wheel.

"That's right—and I'll guess you're Tom Thornton."

The young man managed a weak smile. "And how did you know that?"

"Saw that beautiful bride-to-be of yours last night, and she told me about your car trouble. She was pretty upset when you didn't get here yesterday."

"She was upset!" Tom ran his fingers through his hair and his voice sank dramatically. "To tell you the truth, Mr. Wilson, I had my doubts more than once about getting here at all in time for the wedding."

"When did your troubles start?" Gus inquired gently as he ushered Tom into the shop.

"Almost as soon as I left home. I hadn't gone more than 30 miles when I noticed



that the temperature gauge was up above normal. Naturally, I stopped to check the water. But the level was okay."

Gus nodded as he prodded some shreds of tobacco into the bowl of his pipe.

"When I got to the next town, I stopped at the first decent-looking garage I could find. The mechanic made some checks. Said the gauge was out of whack and that I shouldn't worry about it. I took his word for it and drove on. Oh brother, then my troubles really began."

Tom Tells His Tale of Woe

Young Thornton's story of what happened during the next several hours even made Gus, with all his experience, wince.

After the first garage stop, Tom, believing what the mechanic had told him, rolled along. He ignored the temperature gauge. Then suddenly he heard a boiling noise in his heater. He stopped and this time found the radiator almost bone-dry. Miles from nowhere with no water in sight, he stuffed handful after handful of snow into the filler spout.

For the next 50 miles, the temperature gauge registered "normal" again. But after an overnight stop at a motel, the needle began climbing again in the morning.

He pulled into another roadside garage. This time the mechanic flushed the radiator and checked the entire cooling system. He found nothing, but said that "just to be on the safe side" he would remove the thermostats.

Tom had left that garage with a glimmer of hope that maybe his troubles were over. Even though he nearly froze because the

heater wouldn't perk without the thermostats, he was happy to see that the temperature gauge stayed well below normal.

His peace of mind, however, did not last long. Soon the gauge began climbing again. Another stop at a garage proved nothing. But when he got on his way again the gauge stayed down on the cold side.

Three Hours to Shoot the Trouble

"How's it acting now?" asked Gus at the end of this grim tale.

"Right now, she's fine," Tom admitted, "but she blows hot and cold and I'd hate to start off on a honeymoon and spend the night in a roadside garage."

Gus grinned. "What time is the wedding?"

"Four-thirty, with a party afterward at Peg's house before we take off. We'd hoped to get away around six. I've got a hotel reservation down in the city for tonight."

Gus looked up at the small electric clock over his bench. It was just 2:45. He had only a little over three hours to find and fix the trouble if the newlywed Thorntons were to start their honeymoon on schedule.

"Tell you what you do," said Gus, patting Tom's shoulder paternally. "You take my car for now—it's parked outside—and I'll see what I can do about yours. Now, don't worry—I'll try to have your car outside Peg's house by six o'clock."

Tom's expression brightened perceptibly. "If you do," he said, pumping Gus's hand vigorously, "you're my friend for life."

Not a Ghost of a Clue

After Tom had gone, Gus wondered if he hadn't left himself out on a limb. His sympathy for the distraught young man must have affected his judgment. Of course, old cars that overheated in summer were run of the mill—a good flushing generally cured them—but a brand-new car that ran both hot and cold in the wintertime was something else again.

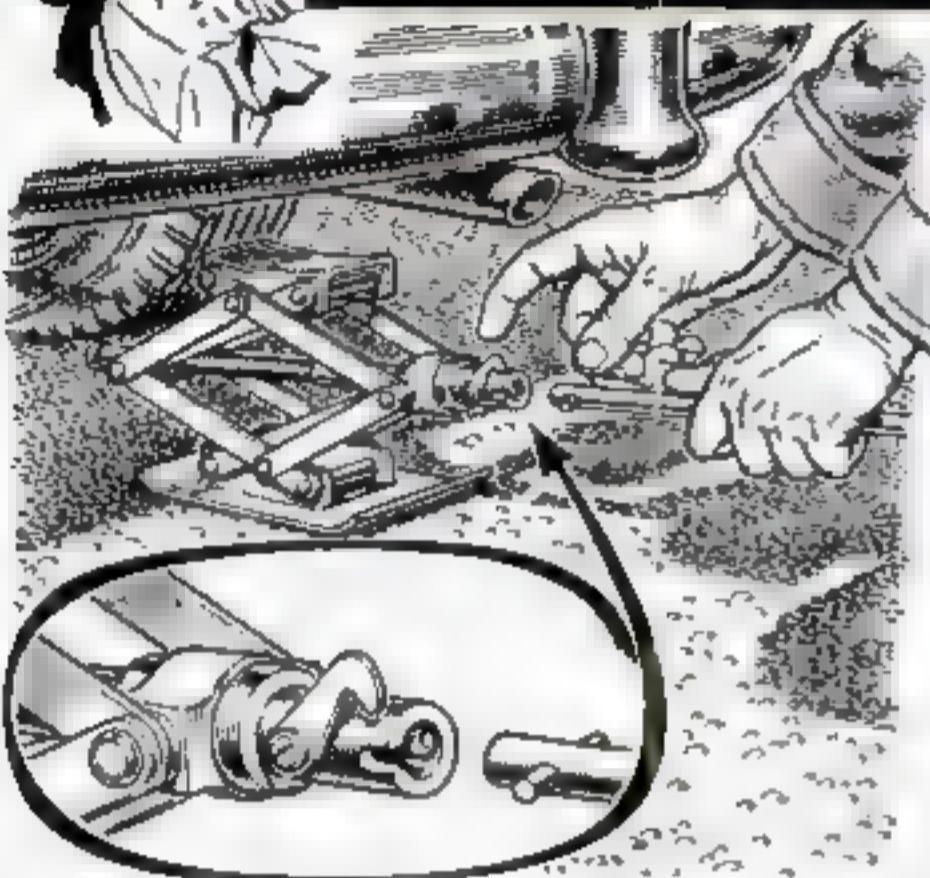
Gus got to work. He started by going over the radiator core carefully. Nothing there. He checked the radiator hoses, thinking that perhaps in some way the inner lining of one of the two sets—it was a V-8—might have come loose, forming a flap valve that cut off the circulation of water at certain speeds. Still no luck.

He started the engine and peered down the filler spout. Water circulation looked to be normal.

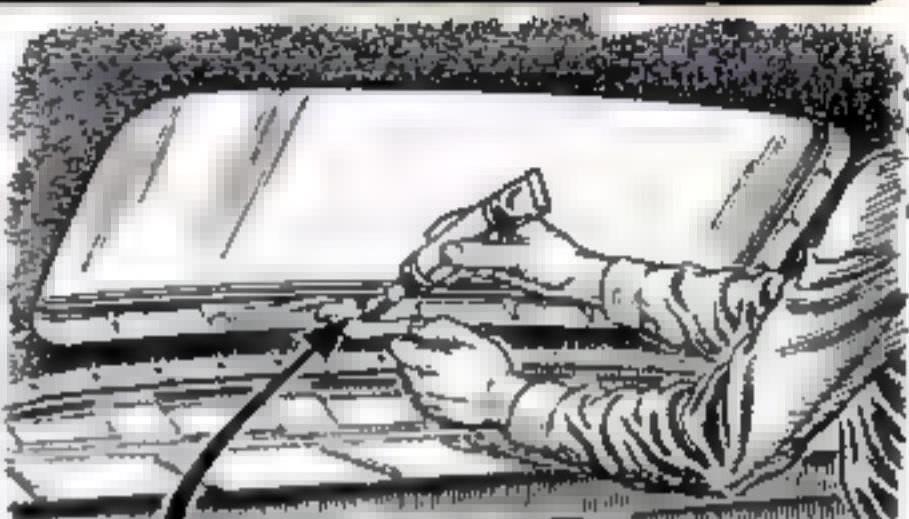
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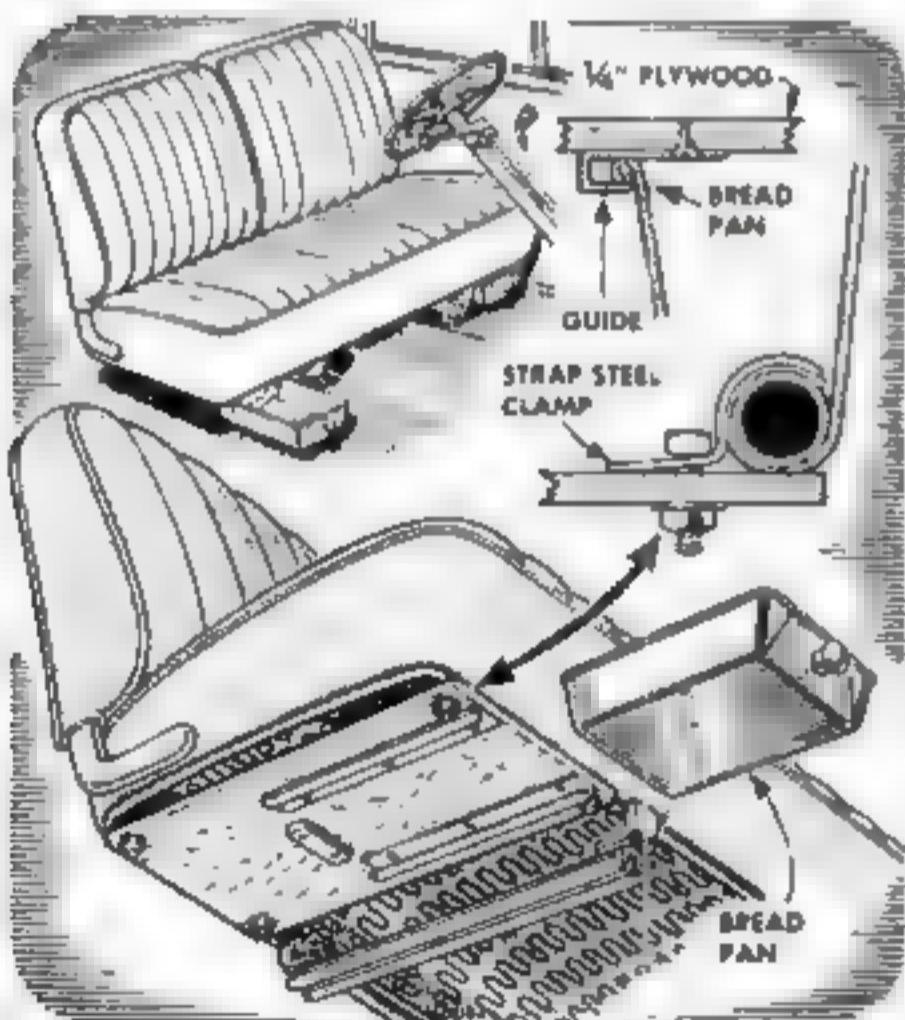
Hints from the Model Garage



Hook Locks Jack Handle. On the usual scissors jack, the handle cross pin has an annoying habit of slipping out. A hook like this will lock the handle in place. Tighten the screw so friction keeps the hook closed while the handle turns.



Tube Brush Spreads Cement. In applying head linings, G. E. Gannaway, Chattanooga, puts cement on with an attached brush made from paintbrush bristles. A nail inserted into the tube keeps the cement from drying out while stored.

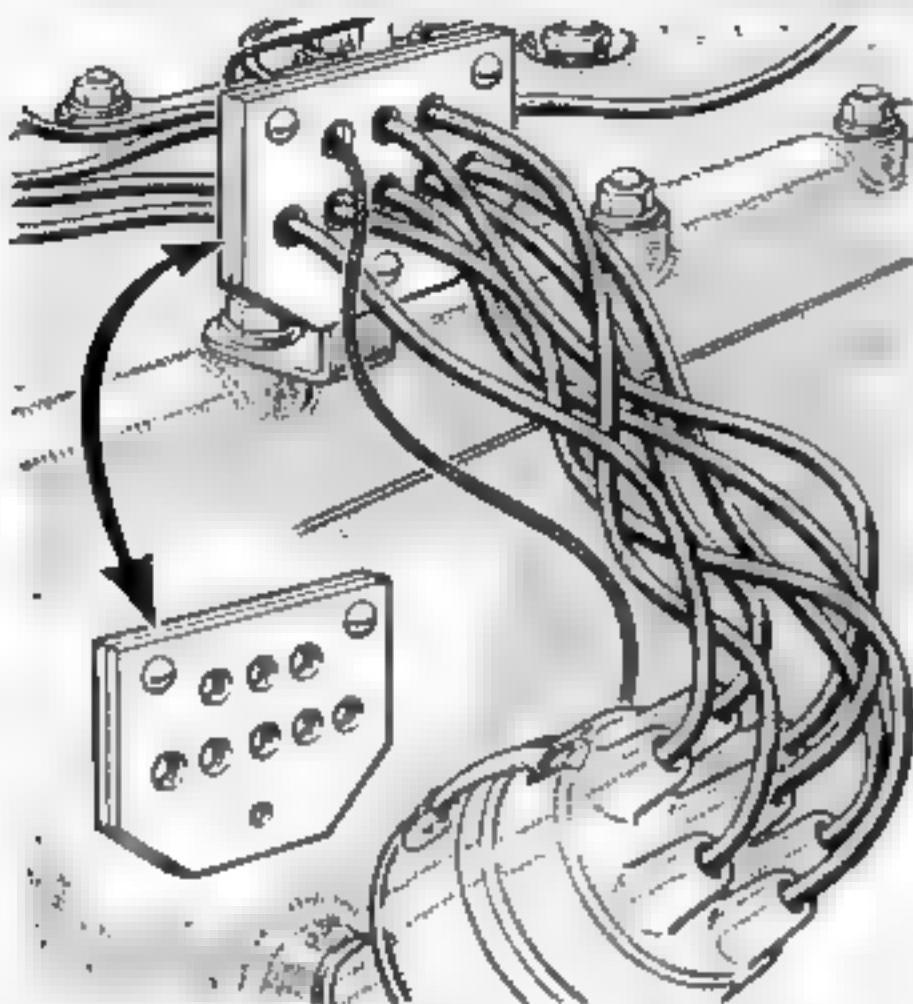


Pans Give Storage Space. To provide a place for small tools, Gladden Houck Jr., Port Chester, N. Y., installed bread pans under the seat of his Henry J. Pans $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by $5\frac{1}{2}$ " by $9\frac{1}{2}$ " fit nicely. The pan edges slide in guides made from J-shaped tile-board molding, widened a bit by driving in drill rod.

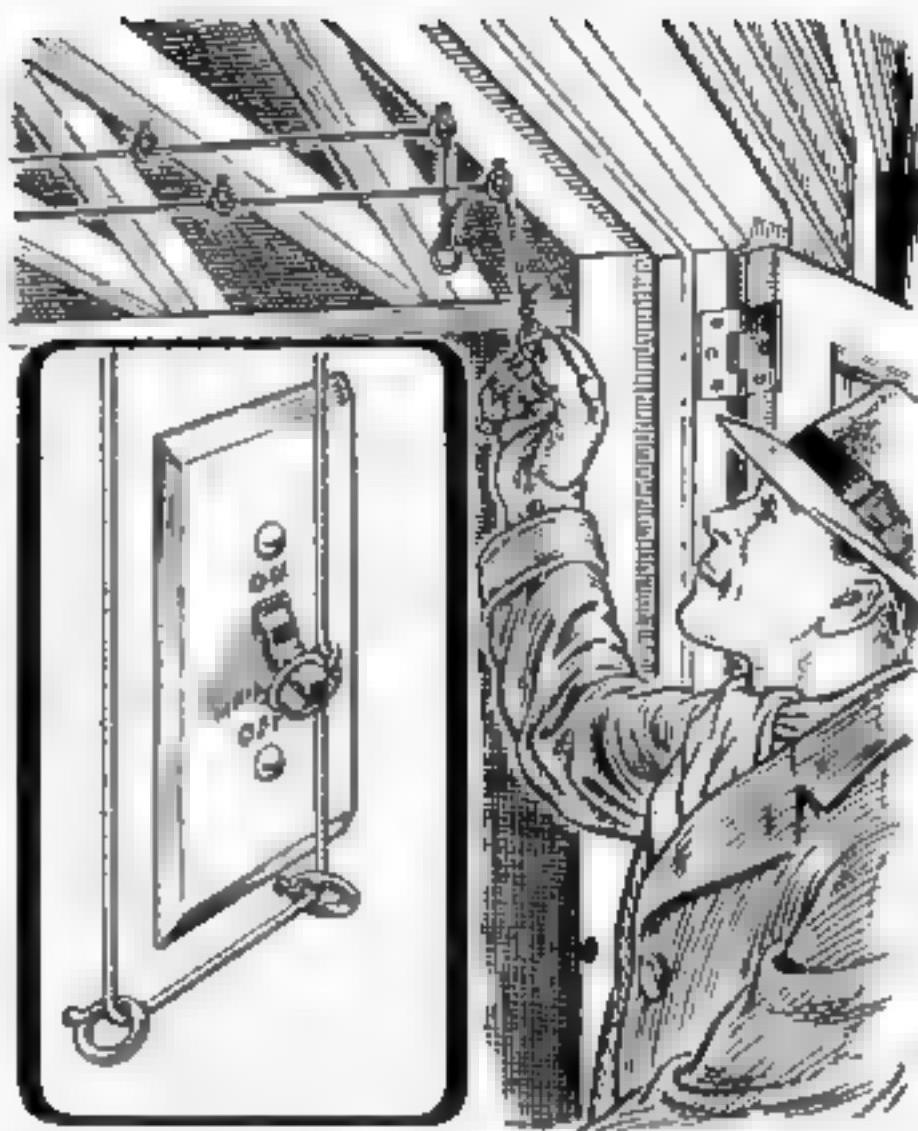


Bracket Holds Extinguisher. A can-type fire extinguisher mounted behind the dash like this can be pulled out in a hurry. The bracket is formed from two storm-sash eyes. Put them in a vise and bend as shown, making a hook on the end of one. A heavy rubber band will then keep the extinguisher in position.

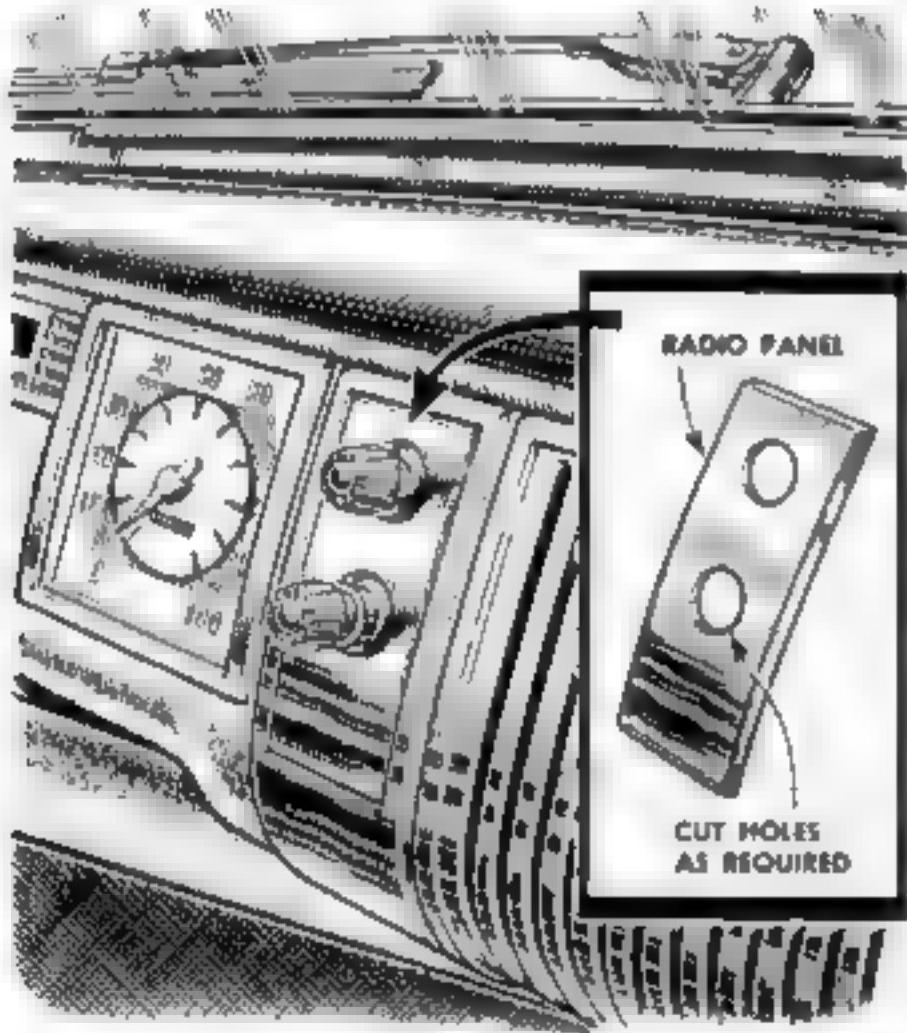
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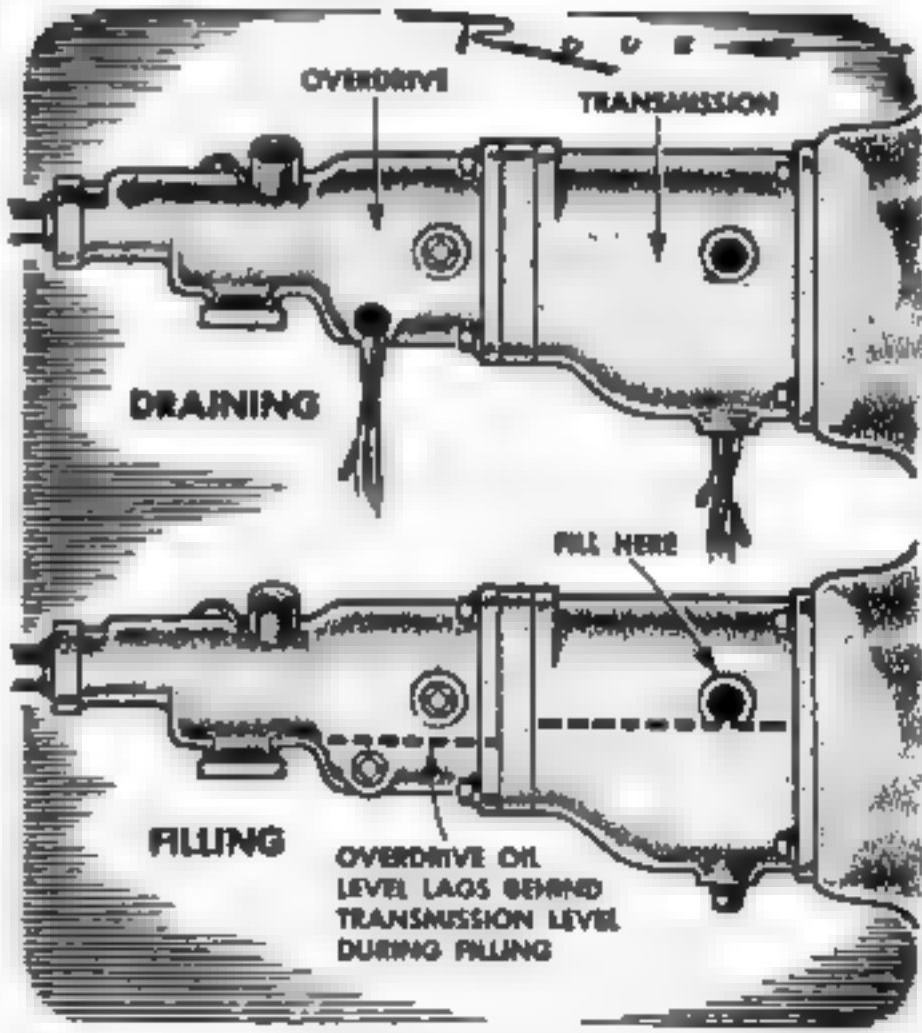
Tile Prevents Shorts. An ignition-wire support can be made from two layers of compressed floor tile. Since the tile is an insulator, this is less likely than a metal bracket to cause shorts if insulation wears.



Cords Control Garage Light. In an attached garage that has a light switch only at the house entrance, a cord arranged like this will enable you to turn the light on or off from the garage door.



Put Radio Panel to Work. If your car has no radio, you can use the blank panel as a mounting place for accessory switches that you add to the car. Remove the panel and drill or cut out necessary holes. Carefully done, this will look better than switches simply clamped under the dash.



Fill Overdrive Slowly. In some overdrive units, the fill plug is lower than the transmission fill plug. Hence, to get enough lubricant into both units the lubricant should be pumped into the transmission and allowed to flow into the overdrive. Do this slowly so the overdrive has time to fill up.



Does Your Gas Contain Water?

A PALE gray powder, anhydrous copper sulfate, will tell you whether there is water in the gasoline you buy.

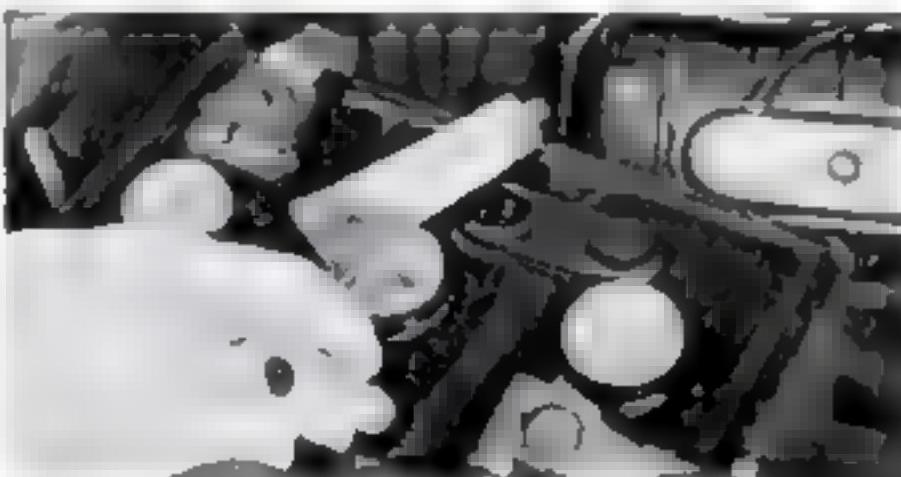
To make this sensitive test, get blue copper sulfate crystals at a drugstore, put an ounce in a glass baking dish in an oven heated to 490° F., and leave until it turns

a pale gray color, indicating that all water is removed. Bottle the powder when cool.

To test gasoline, add a little to some powder in a vial, stopper the vial and shake. If the gas contains water the powder will take back what it lost and turn blue. If there is no water the powder will remain gray.—Ken Swezey, Brooklyn.

Silicones Protect Battery

MOISTURE, dirt and sulfuric-acid film will gradually discharge a battery. You can protect your battery by first cleaning the top with household ammonia, scrubbing it well with a stiff brush. When the top surface dries, apply as shown at right a film of the silicone paste that is sold for waterproofing insulator surfaces. If you can't get this paste, use auto wax that contains silicone. Be sure to wipe off excess wax or it will help dirt accumulate.—Harry L. Truchelut, Atlanta.



Toe Switch Holds Throttle

IF YOUR foot gets tired holding down the accelerator on a long trip, this "speed selector" will do it for you.

When you reach the speed you want, press the button and the accelerator locks at that position. When you again touch the button—or the brake pedal—the throttle is automatically released. D. & M. Mfg. Corp., Anderson, Ind., makes the device.



Wreck Produces a Custom Car

AFTER a collision bashed in the front end of his 1942 Packard convertible, R. M. Smith of Salem, Ore., set to work and turned out the custom job below.

He removed the three grille panels, welded sheet metal over a frame to blank out the top two-thirds of the center grille, installed this unit and leaded the joints to conform to the body lines. Three horizontal bars were rolled from heavy sheet, chrome, and mounted in existing holes. Three small vertical bars at each end are shortened Buick grille bars. Bumper brackets were re-formed to accept an Olds bumper and altered gravel pans. An air scoop underneath takes care of cooling.



How to Fix Car Locks

A headache when they don't work, locks respond to these repairs.

By Jack B. Harrison

KNOWING a few facts about car locks can save you a lot of time and trouble—to say nothing of expense. Give them the care they need and you can avoid most common lock troubles.

Locks used often and kept clean and lubricated will seldom stick, fail or freeze. It is the infrequently used lock that is most likely to let you down. It will accumulate dirt and water—and may jam up just when you need it most.

So regular cleaning and lubrication of all locks is your first rule. Use a solvent like benzine, never penetrating oil or any solvent that leaves an oily film. Such a film will gather dust and get you into real trouble. And when it comes to lubrication, microfine graphite is the only thing you can use safely.

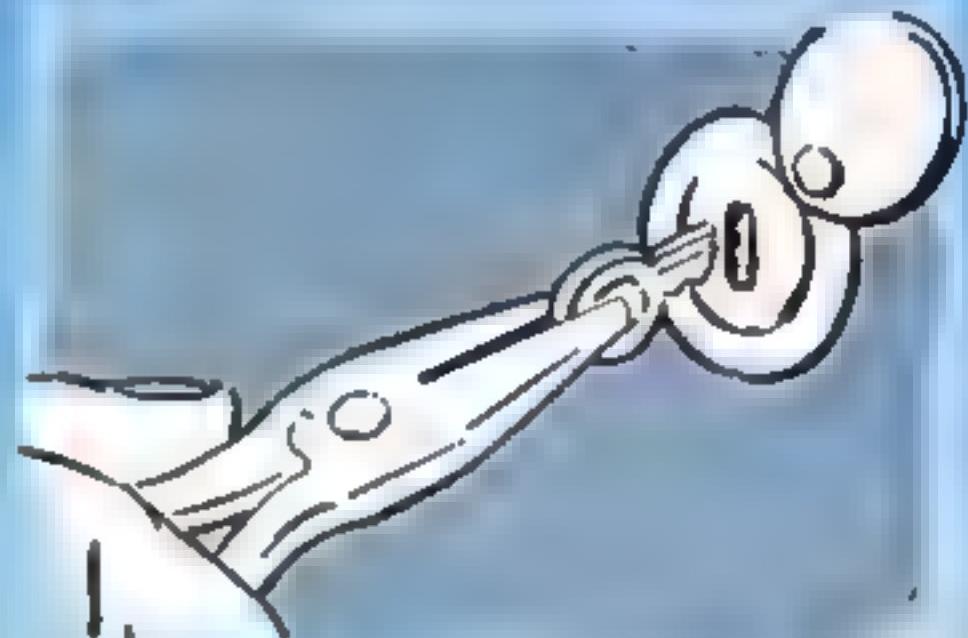
When you wash your car in cold weather, seal keyholes with tape. It takes only a drop of water to freeze up a lock. When a lock does freeze, heat the key with a match or cigarette lighter, insert the key in the lock and leave it there a few minutes. Alcohol squirted in with an oilcan or syringe will also thaw a lock. But be careful to keep alcohol off the car paint. After the lock is open, clean and lubricate it. This will help prevent future freeze-ups.

These sketches show you how to clean and lubricate a lock. They also show what to do when strong-arm tactics break off a key. On modern cars, it is generally better to replace an inoperative lock cylinder than to try to repair it. Other sketches show you tricks of the trade in this respect.

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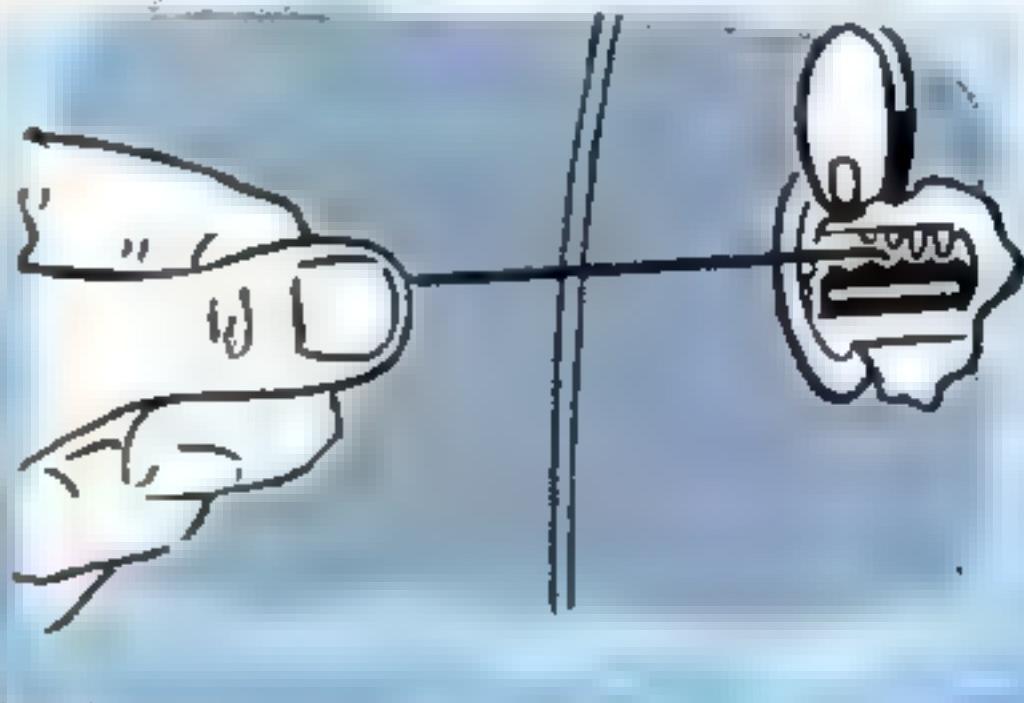


CLEANING a lock is easy. Squirt benzine into the key slot with a syringe or a small oilcan. Work the key in and out of the slot several times to distribute the cleaning fluid. After a few minutes, blow the fluid out of the lock with a syringe or tire pump.



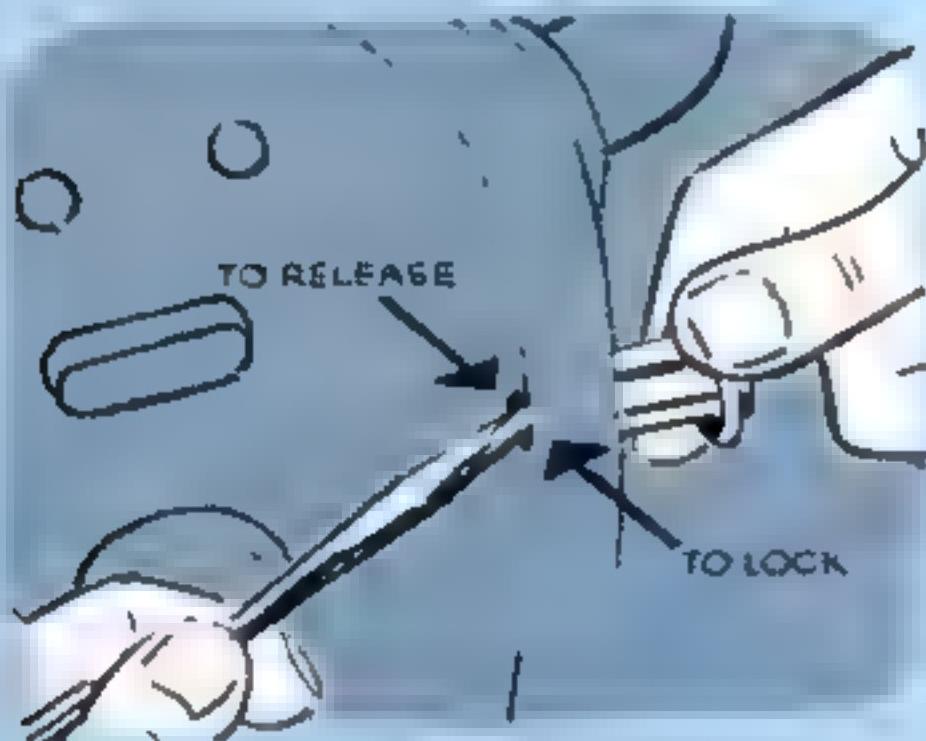
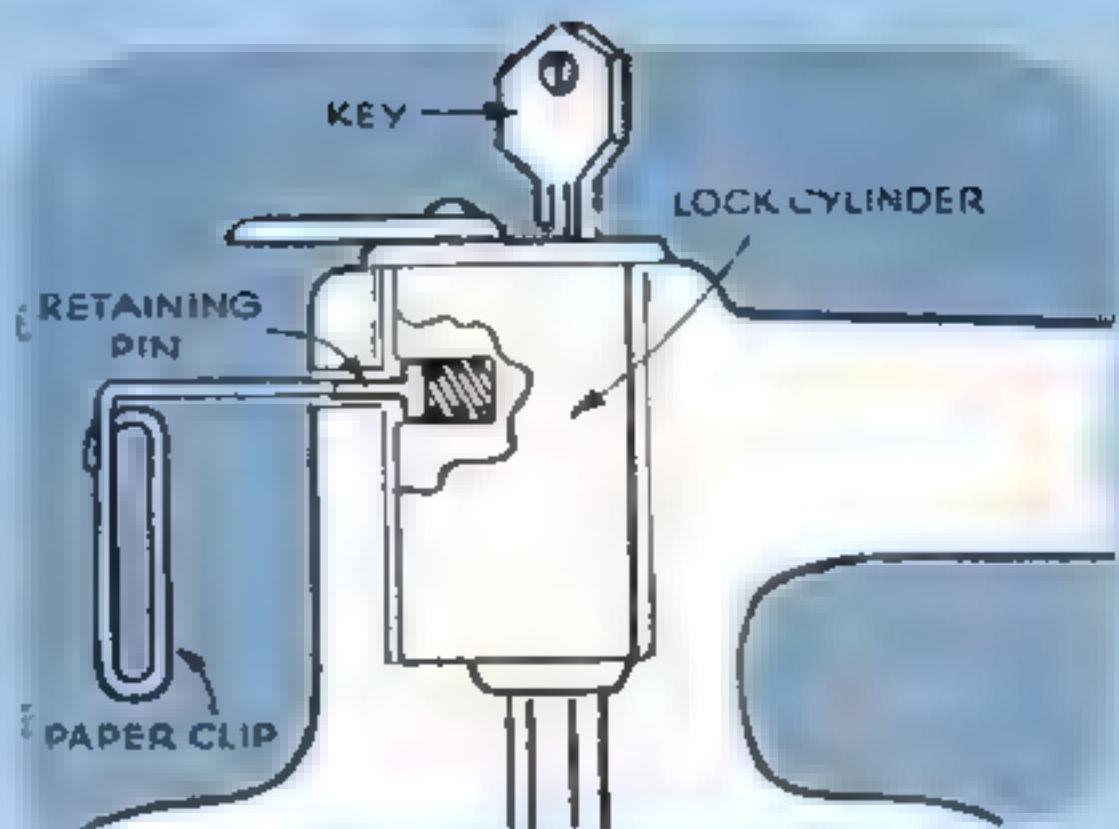
IF KEY BREAKS OFF while you are trying to unlock a door, don't give up. Grasp head of key with pair of pliers, insert it in the slot as far as it will go, and maintain a steady inward pressure while you turn key slowly. Many times this will release the tumblers and the lock will []

You can make a tool to fish out a broken key. Bend a small finger loop on one end of a 5" piece of hard steel wire. Grind a sharp barb like a fishhook barb on the other end. Push the barbed end into keyhole, as below. Then by fishing and feeling you can [] times hook barb on broken key and pull it out. Tapping on lock cylinder will often jar tumblers into [] position so key will come out.

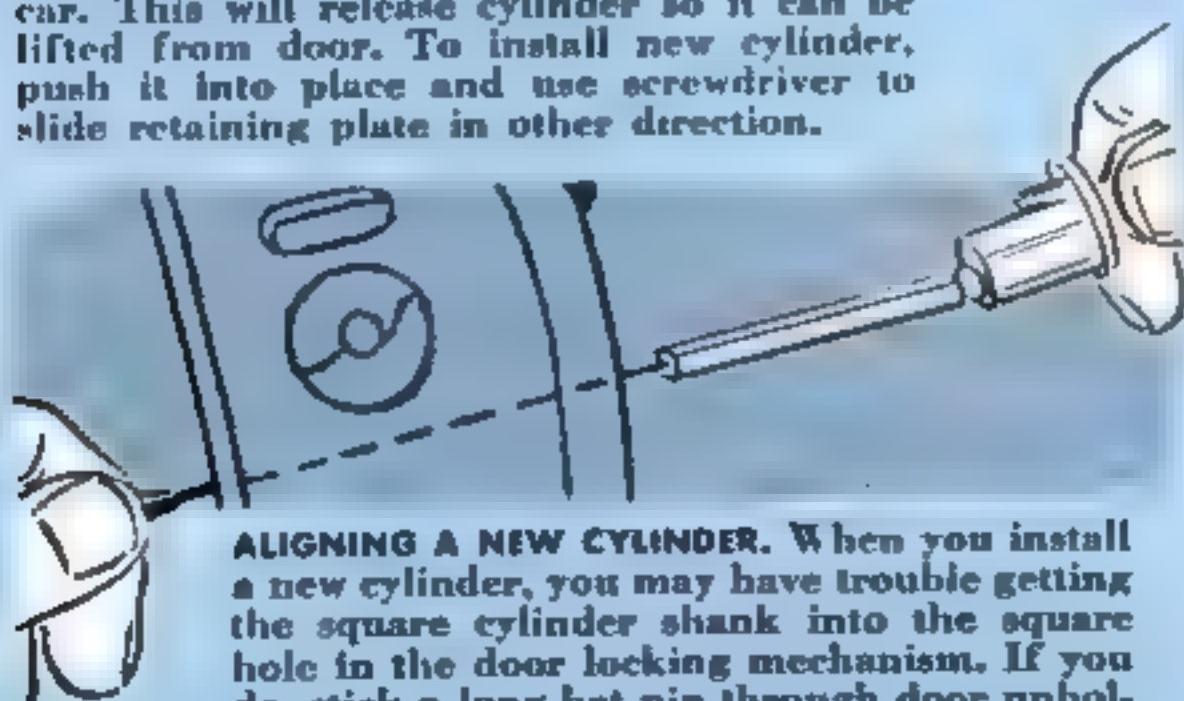


REPLACING PIN-HELD LOCKS.

Lock cylinders in door and trunk handles are often held by a small spring-loaded pin. A paper clip and the key are your tools for removing such a cylinder. Put the key in lock, turn it to unlocked position, and turn it back just enough so it won't pull out of lock. Then bend out one end of paper clip (right) and push it into a small hole you'll find near outer edge of handle just below lock cylinder. The clip will release the pin so you can pull cylinder out of handle with the key. To install new cylinder, push it into handle until pin drops into place.

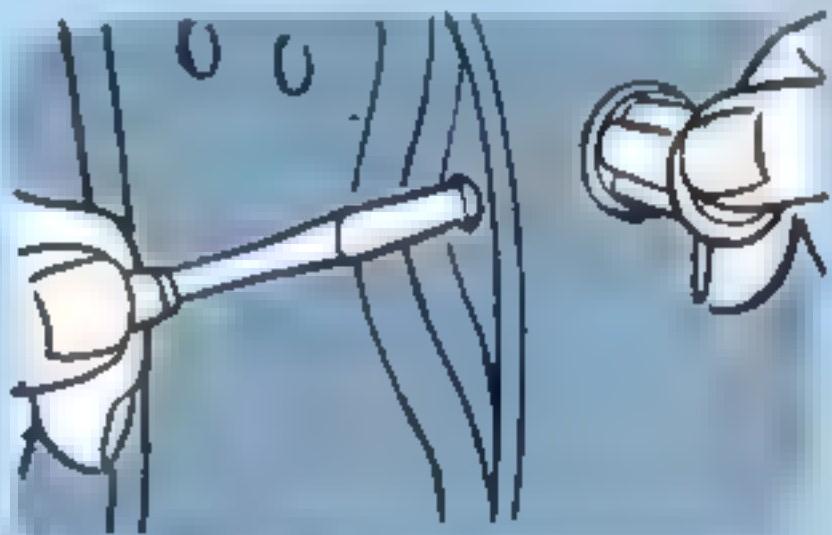


REPLACING SLIDING-PLATE TYPE. Lock cylinders in door panels may be retained by a hidden, sliding plate. Look for a small hole in the rear face of door opposite lock cylinder. Put a medium screwdriver into this hole and feel for a metal fin or tab. With screwdriver, slide this tab—usually toward rear of car. This will release cylinder so it can be lifted from door. To install new cylinder, push it into place and use screwdriver to slide retaining plate in other direction.

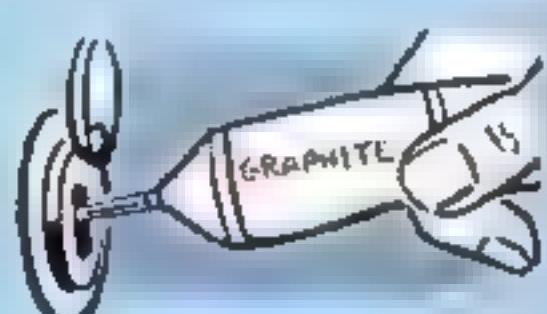


ALIGNING A NEW CYLINDER. When you install a new cylinder, you may have trouble getting the square cylinder shank into the square hole in the door locking mechanism. If you do, stick a long hat pin through door upholstery so it comes out through cylinder hole in door. Use pin to guide shank into place.

REPLACING SETSCREW TYPE. If lock cylinder is mounted in door panel but you can't find a screwdriver hole in rear of door, cylinder is probably held in place by a hidden setscrew instead of a sliding plate. Carefully pry up the weather strip opposite cylinder. There you will probably find the screw. Cylinder will lift out (below) as soon as you loosen screw.



LUBRICATE your locks by shooting in microfine graphite after cleaning them. You can buy graphite in dispensers designed for the job. Work key in and out of lock to distribute the graphite. Wipe excess lubricant from key and lock to avoid soiling clothing.



How to Build Double-Deck Bunks

Kids like to sleep
in bunks like these.
You can easily duplicate
this unit for your
children's bedroom.

By R. H. Hawkins

DOUBLE-DECK beds mean a double saving—money and space. I built this unit for my two small sons, and it cost me about a third of what stores wanted for a similar one.

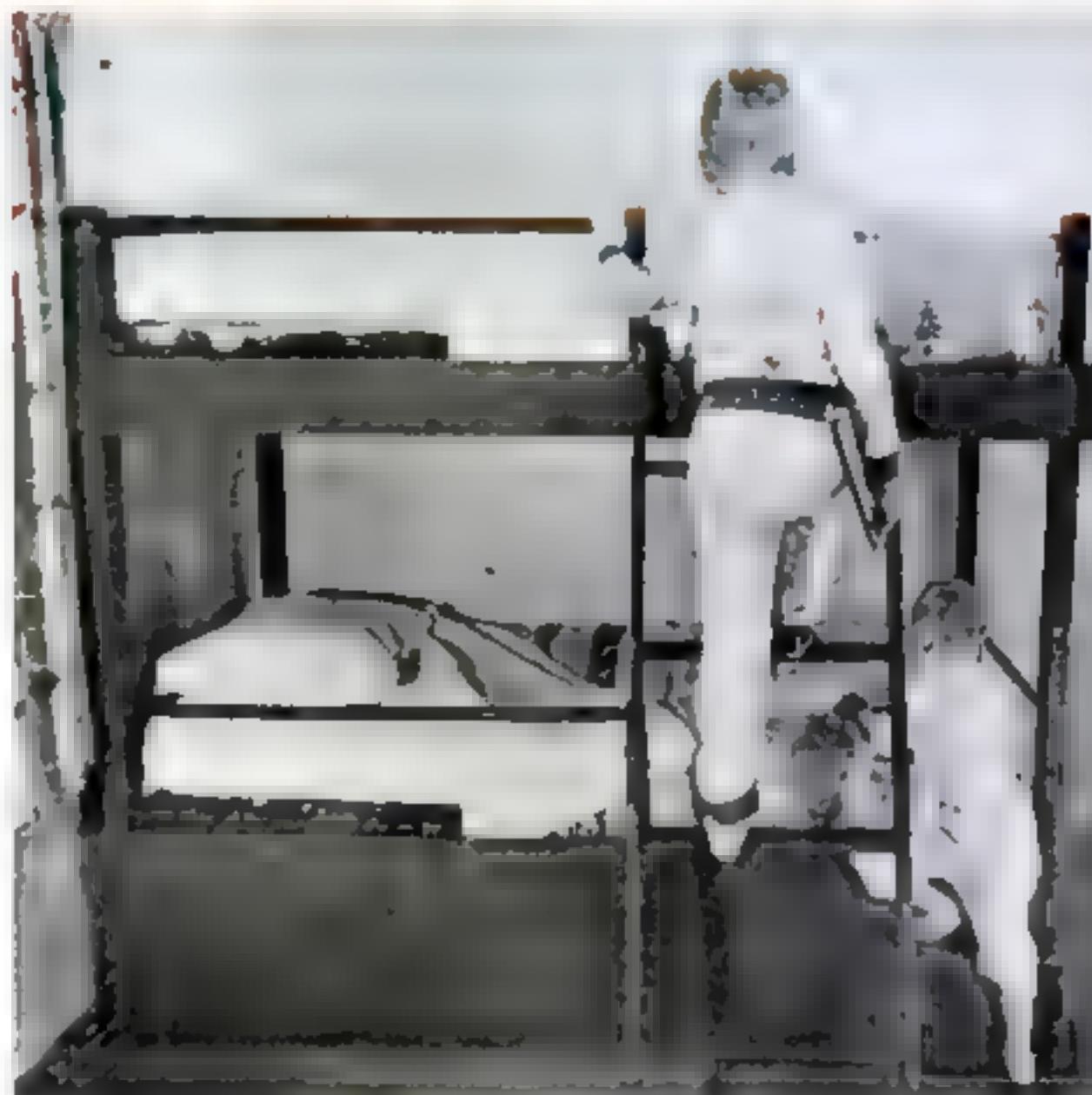
Standing in a corner of the boys' room, the beds give an extra 22 square feet of space to play in.

The ladder for the upper bunk is removable for making up the bed, but hooks at the top and rubber bumpers on the legs hold it in place securely. The little steps for the lower bunk aren't really necessary, but they do forestall juvenile struggles about which kid gets "the bed with the ladder."

Since the main ladder resembles the scaling ladders used by firemen, the bunks can be painted a bright fire-engine red. The same decoration theme could be carried out with fire-engine decals on the side or end panels. If your youngsters are up to it, a polished brass pipe could also be rigged up outboard for rapid descents in real fire-house style.

Construction. Since there are no complicated joints, you can build this furniture with ordinary hand tools, using a handsaw and chisel to cut the rabbets in the ladder rails. Parts are held with glue and wood screws. Countersink the screws and fill over the heads with composition wood.

The dimensions given are for the twin-bed coil springs I had. It's a good plan to get the springs and mattresses first and



adjust the dimensions if necessary. The height of the guard rail on the upper bed should be set to give maximum protection against accidental tumbles.

Assembly. Begin with the ends. Drill blind holes $\frac{1}{8}$ " deep for the $1\frac{1}{8}$ " dowels, and glue the dowels in the holes.

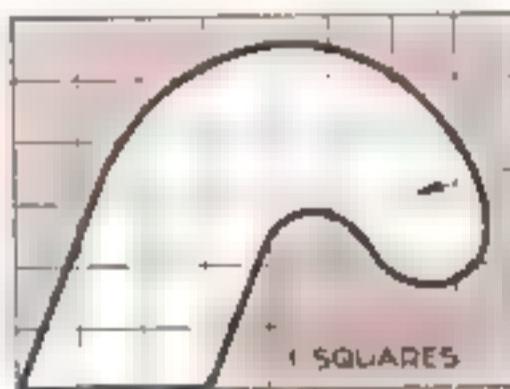
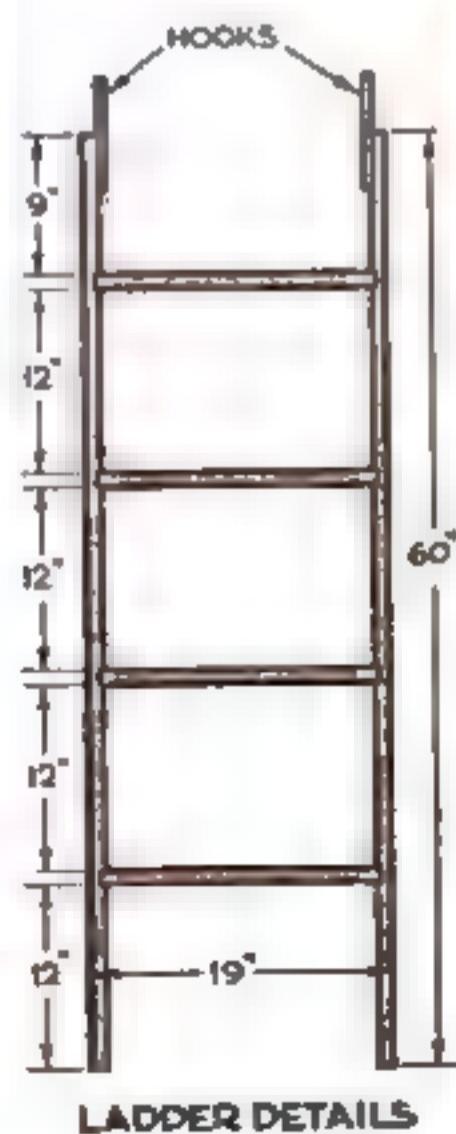
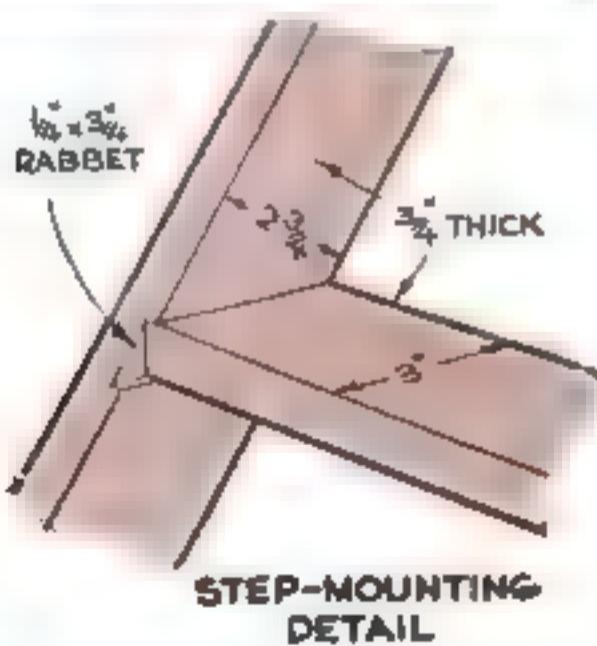
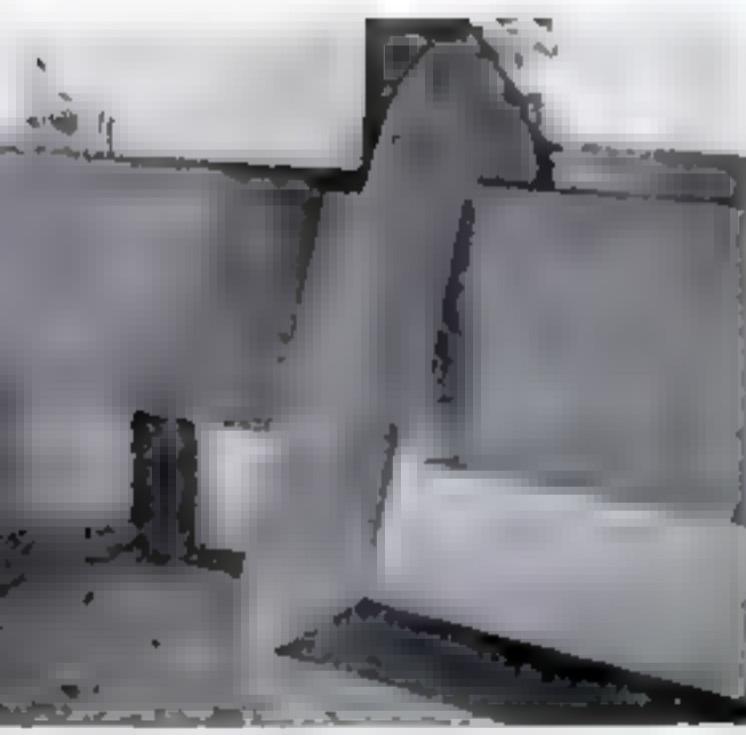
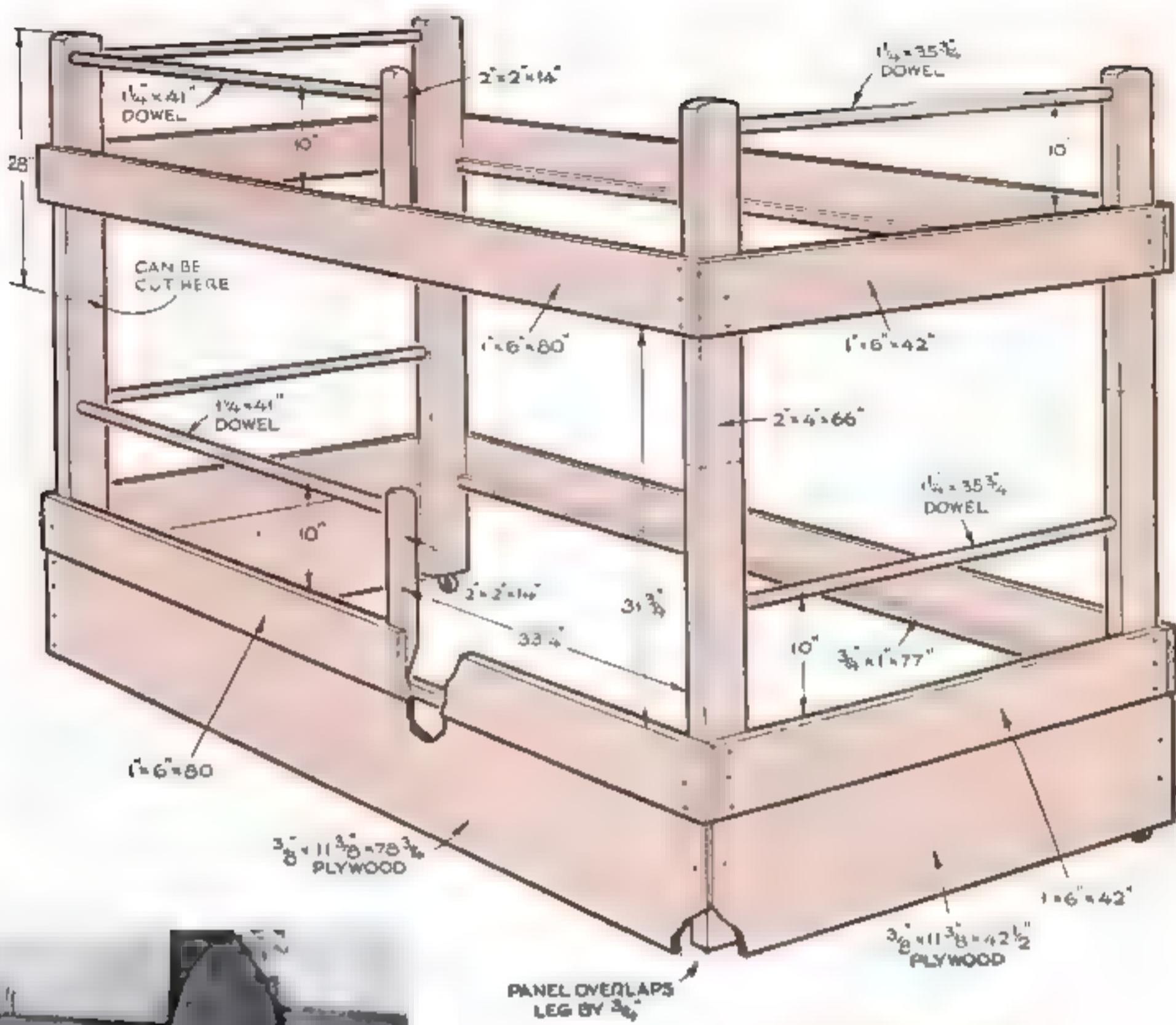
While the ends can be put together in your workshop, the remainder of the job will probably have to be done in the room where the beds are to be used. The completed unit is too large for most doors.

If you want to move the unit later on, saw through the four posts at the points indicated in the drawing. Each bed can then be taken through the doorway by turning it on its side. You can reassemble the beds by boring vertical $\frac{1}{8}$ " holes in the posts and using $\frac{1}{8}$ " dowels as locating pins.

The $\frac{1}{8}$ " by 1" strips on the side boards hold the slats. They are secured with $1\frac{1}{8}$ " screws spaced 8" apart. The plywood panels on one side and one end add a finished look.

I put casters under the posts so the beds can be rolled out from the wall when they are made up.

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Vest-Pocket Viewer Shows Atomic Explosions



A spintharoscope, which is easier to make than pronounce, lets you see bursting atoms in watch-dial paint.

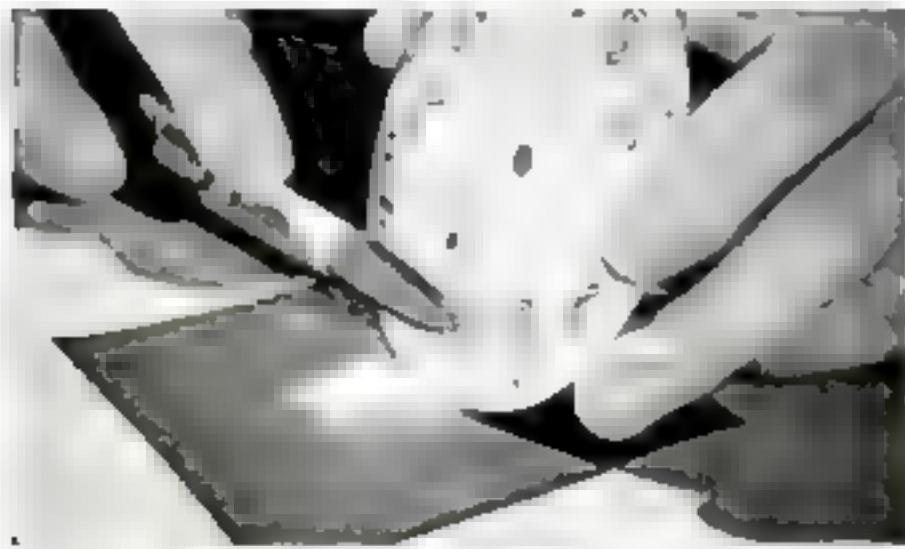
By Kenneth M. Swezey

You don't have to wait on a mountain top near Las Vegas to see atoms explode. It takes only a few minutes to assemble a vest-pocket viewer in which you can witness

the actual explosions of radioactive atoms.

Make it from radium scraped off a clock dial, a little phosphorescent zinc sulfide, two 2" by 2" glass slides and a short-focus magnifier. The photos below show you how. This is a simple version of the spintharoscope, invented in 1903 by Sir William Crookes and still used in atomic research.

Since an infinitesimal amount of radium is used on a clock dial, it is not dangerous



SCRAPE RADIUM PAINT from numbers of a luminous clock dial. A few specks are enough.



MIX PAINT with a gram of phosphorescent zinc sulfide bought from a chemical supplier.



SPRINKLE MIXTURE on square of black paper from a bottle that has cotton gauze stretched over its mouth.



SANDWICH the radium-covered paper between two squares of glass, taping the edges together as you would a lantern slide.

to make this viewer, but you should wash your hands well when you finish.

Take the viewer into a totally dark room and wait a few minutes. Then look at the slide through the magnifying glass. You'll see thousands of flashes—like a sky full of twinkling stars. Those are caused by radium atoms in the paint, which are always disintegrating. Each explosion shoots out a 10,000-mile-per-second alpha particle that hits a zinc sulfide molecule to make the flash of light. While not using the viewer, keep it wrapped in black paper.

Another simple trick with the weak radiations from a watch dial shows why workers must be shielded from the immensely stronger radiation in atomic plants.

Put a luminous-dial wrist watch face down over a paper clip resting on a piece of tightly wrapped photographic film. Gamma rays from the watch will shoot right through the light-tight film wrapper but not so easily through the paper clip.

Develop the film after a day or so and you'll find the rays have fogged a circular area. The paper clip will show as a shadow. What you have is an "X-ray photo," or radiograph. Gamma rays are similar to X rays but of shorter wave length.

In 1896, French physicist Henri Becquerel first noticed what you have seen. Becquerel accidentally left wrapped photographic plates next to some uranium salts. Several days later he developed the plates and found them fogged. He set out to discover why. The eventual conclusions, that exploding atoms send out rays and particles of themselves, set off the chain of research that finally led to today's mighty atom-bomb explosions.

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Ladder Treads Prevent Slipping



OLD rubber stair treads can make your stepladder a lot safer. Cut them to fit the steps, discarding the more worn front sections, and cement them in place. I used linoleum cement for the job but tacks can be used if you have no suitable rubber-bonding adhesive on hand.—V. H. Lamoy, Upper Jay, N.Y.



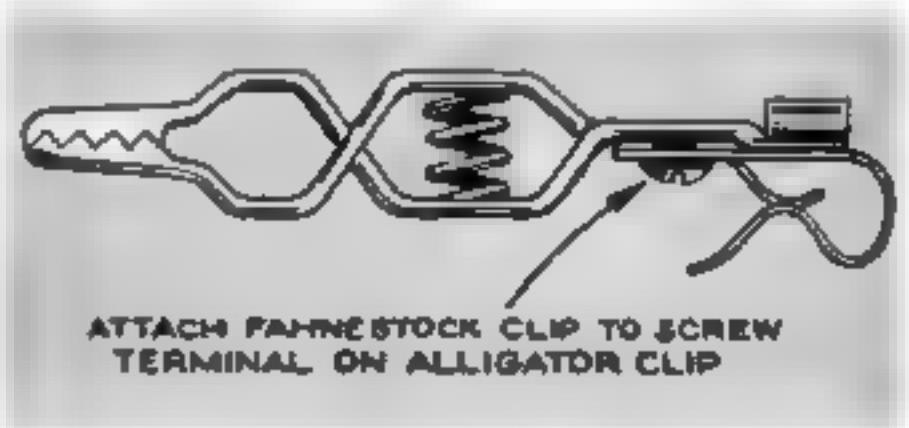
WHY ATOM WORKERS CARRY FILM. In atomic laboratories, employees wear identification badges called "dosimeters." At frequent intervals, the photo film inside the badges is developed. Fog, if any, on film shows how much radiation worker was subjected to.

A luminous-dial wrist watch will show you how little radiation it takes to affect film. Put a piece of unexposed film into a light-tight black envelope with the emulsion side up. On this rest a paper clip, sandwiched between paper folded once. Put the wrist watch on top of the whole business face down as seen above. Leave it for a day or so, develop the film, make a print, and you'll have shadowgraph below—made by atomic rays.



Twin Connectors Are Handy

DOUBLE-ENDED connectors, made by combining alligator and Fahnestock clips (below), are excellent for test and experimental work. You can use them for joining wires or attaching wires to all types of terminals.—Charles T. Pearson, Le Mars, Iowa.



ATTACH FAHNESTOCK CLIP TO SCREW TERMINAL ON ALLIGATOR CLIP

Screened Porch Is Winter Prefab Job

By Bernard Gladstone

PS PHOTOS BY W. W. MORRIS

AUTHOR'S PORCH, on a rear corner of house, was open to mosquitoes and hot summer sun. Now (below) screening bars bugs and blinds stop sun.



You can add another room to your home—a cool outdoor room

for the hot weather ahead—and 90 percent of the job
can be done now in the warm comfort of your workshop.

IF YOU have an open porch that has never been screened, now is the time to stop toasting your toes before the fire and do something about it. For every winter hour you put in making screens in your cozy basement workshop, you'll be repaid whole evenings of cool comfort when hot weather arrives. A screened porch adds a delightful room to your house and gives you and your family a chance to enjoy the outdoors on a summer night without sharing it with mosquitoes, gnats and moths.

I screened my porch, and here are some useful points I learned doing it:

Screen width. When you measure the porch sides you intend to screen, remember that a screen wider than 42" becomes weak in the center. On the other hand, if screens are narrower than 24", too much wood shows when they are up. Divide the porch sides you measure so that each division is the width you want your screens to be.

If you want to have a screen door, allow 38 $\frac{1}{4}$ " for a 36" stock door and its frame.

Screening. You have a wide choice of screening material and price.

Plastic and aluminum are the most expensive materials. Aluminum, widely used in defense work, is likely to be the costliest.

Plastic stretches more easily than other screening materials. This same stretch comes in handy if there are youngsters running around; the plastic gives rather than breaks, and snaps back into shape. Also, plastic doesn't oxidize. Therefore it doesn't stain frames or people's clothes. The only trouble with plastic is that it melts instantly if a burning object—say a lighted cigarette or match.touches it.

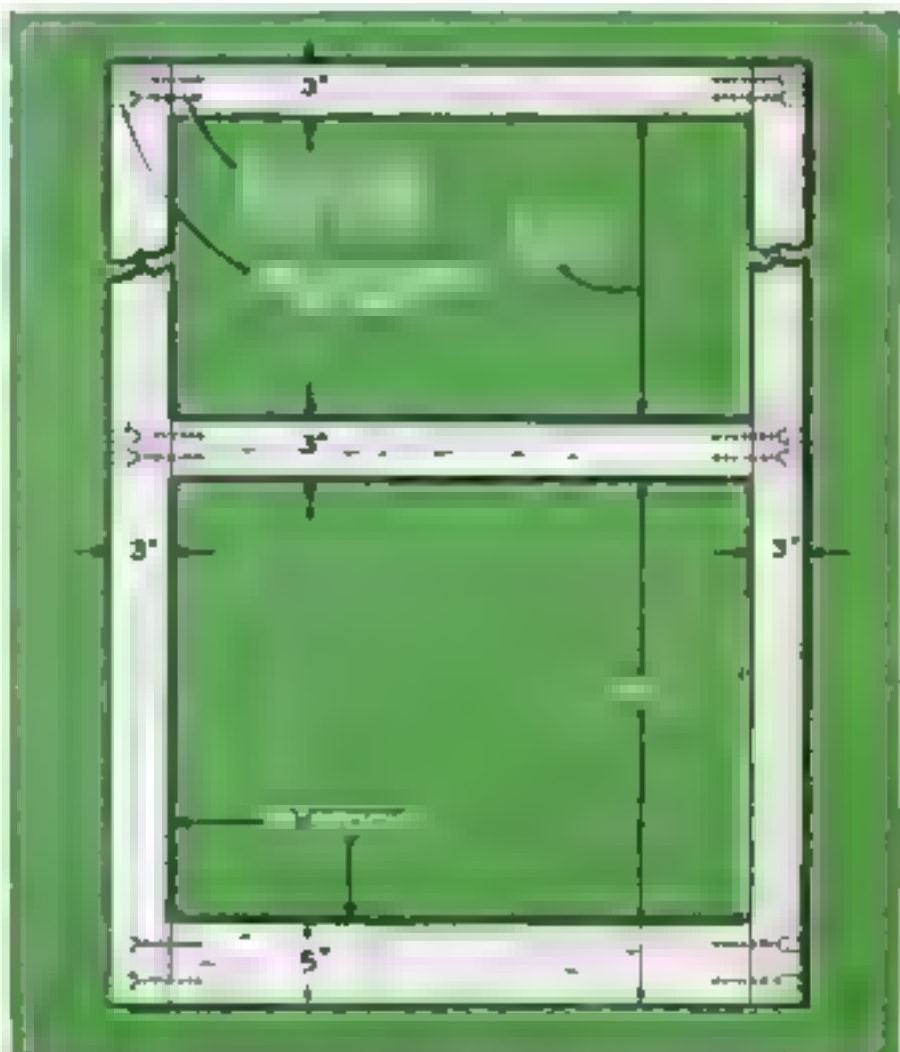
Aluminum, too, has the advantage of not oxidizing. It doesn't stretch as well as plastic, though. In very salty air, aluminum pits—and eventually breaks.

Copper is the most common screening material and it is cheaper than the first two. It stretches better than aluminum, but unfortunately it stays stretched. Furthermore, it may stain white woodwork.

Galvanized is the cheapest of all, but few stores in my neighborhood carry it. The zinc coating cracks easily and the wire underneath then corrodes fast.

Assembly. The drawings and photos show you how to build and install screens. These suggestions will help speed the work and give it a professional look:

- If the rafters of your porch ceiling are exposed, close up the outside ends or bugs will swarm in there. If there is space between the floor boards, cover the floor with linoleum.
- Prime all lumber before you put it up.
- Paint the frames of the screens before you tack down or staple your screening. It's best to use a stapler, but they are expensive. You can probably rent one.
- Use finishing nails everywhere except on the footing strips. Common nails will do for fastening them to a wooden floor. If the porch floor is concrete, anchor the footing strips with hardened cut steel nails.
- If the screening is to stay up all year, calk the joints where the frames meet the house and the porch columns. Calk the footing strips where they meet the floor. If you want removable screens, don't nail them up but fasten them at the top with turn buttons.
- Set the nailheads and putty over them before painting.



SIMPLE CONSTRUCTION of screen sections is shown in drawing above. All joints are butt joints held together with screws and glue.

**When winter winds keep you indoors
you can do the jobs shown on this page
in the snug warmth of your workshop.**



FIRST STEP. After lumber is cut, drill two $\frac{1}{8}$ " holes through side frames at each joint for screws. Counterbore with $\frac{3}{8}$ " bit for $1\frac{1}{4}$ ".



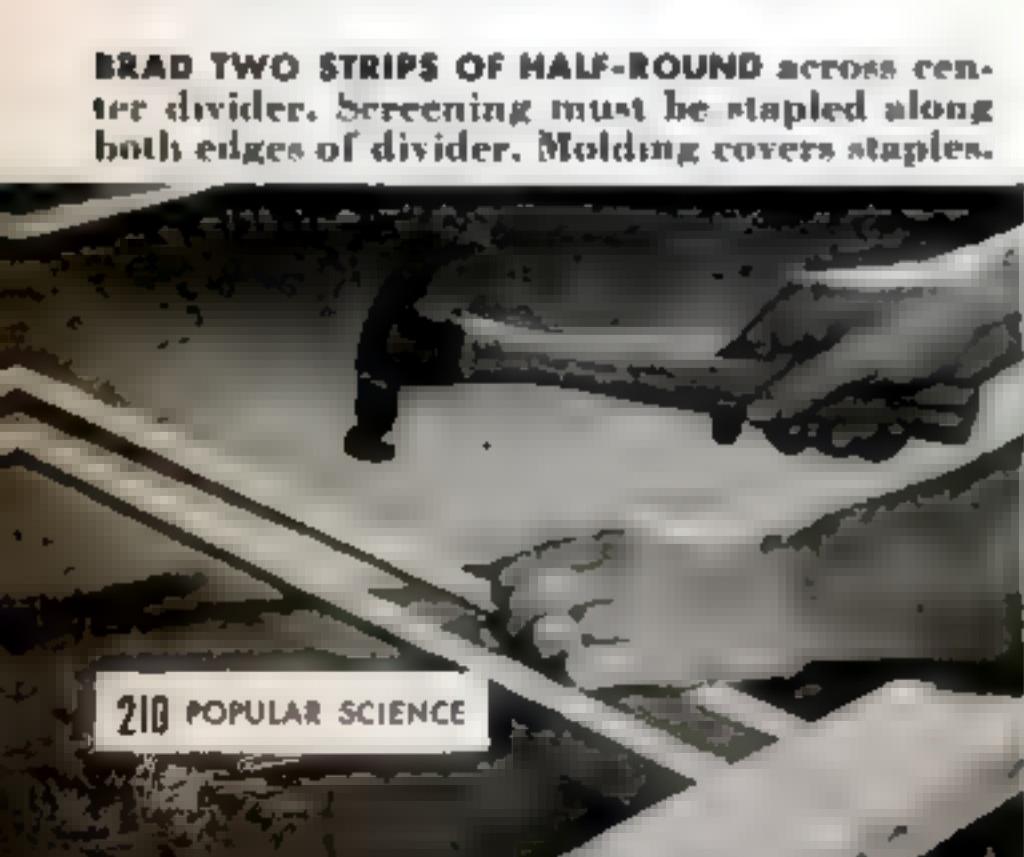
SCREW AND GLUE EACH JOINT. Use a waterproof glue and 3" No. 10 flathead wood screws. No clamps are needed.



STAPLE SCREENING all across one end first. Then pull screening tight and staple other end. Staple across center divider last.



PAINT SEVERAL LENGTHS of $\frac{1}{2}$ " half-round molding at a time. The screen frames should be painted before the screening is applied.



BRAD TWO STRIPS OF HALF-ROUND across center divider. Screening must be stapled along both edges of divider. Molding covers staples.



CUT OUT SCREENING ACROSS CENTER after you have nailed half-round all around edges. Linoleum knife is good tool for this.

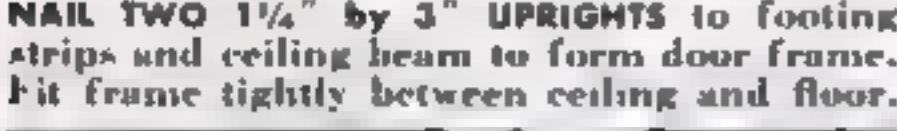
**Before spring breezes take over
you can install the footings and frame
for your prefab screened sections.**



FASTEN $\frac{1}{4}$ " BY 3" FOOTING STRIPS to concrete floor with steel cut nails. Paint all sides of footing strips before nailing them down.



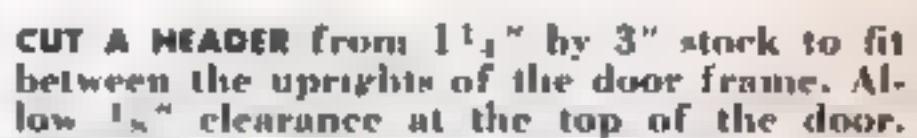
MARK OFF CONTOUR OF SIDING on $1\frac{1}{4}$ " by 3" end boards with compass or dividers. Saw on these lines to make end boards fit snugly.



NAIL TWO $1\frac{1}{4}$ " by 3" UPRIGHTS to footing strips and ceiling beam to form door frame. Fit frame tightly between ceiling and floor.



ANCHOR END BOARDS TO SIDING with long finishing nails. Use a level to make sure they are plumb before you drive the nails.



Please turn the page





**When buzzing mosquitoes arrive
you will be ready to snap your
prebuilt screened porch into place.**



BUILD SMALL SCREEN for transom separately. Then nail it in place above the door. Use finishing nails, set heads, putty over them.



NAIL $\frac{1}{4}$ " QUARTER-ROUND MOLDING to outside edge of footing strips. If ceiling beam has no lip on it, nail quarter-round on beam, too.



PLACE BOTTOM OF SCREEN on footing strip with outside face against quarter-round molding. Then push top of screen in place.



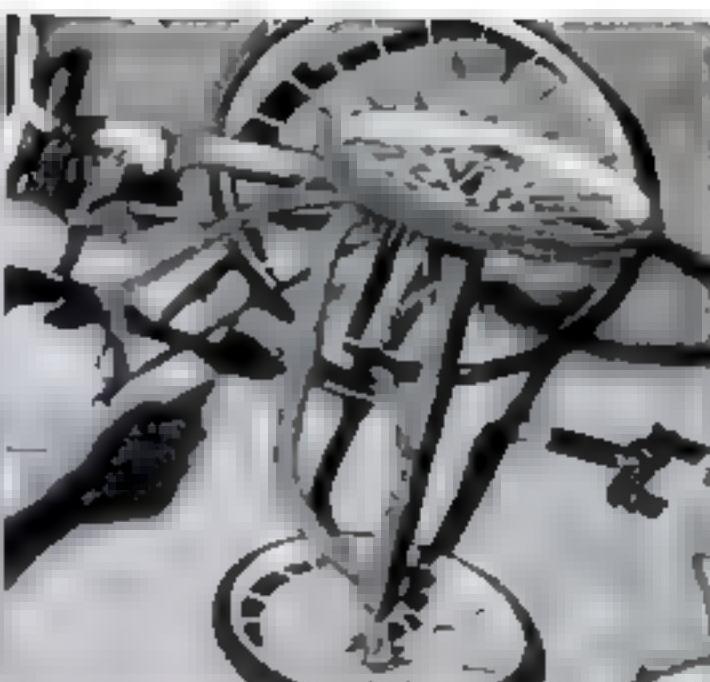
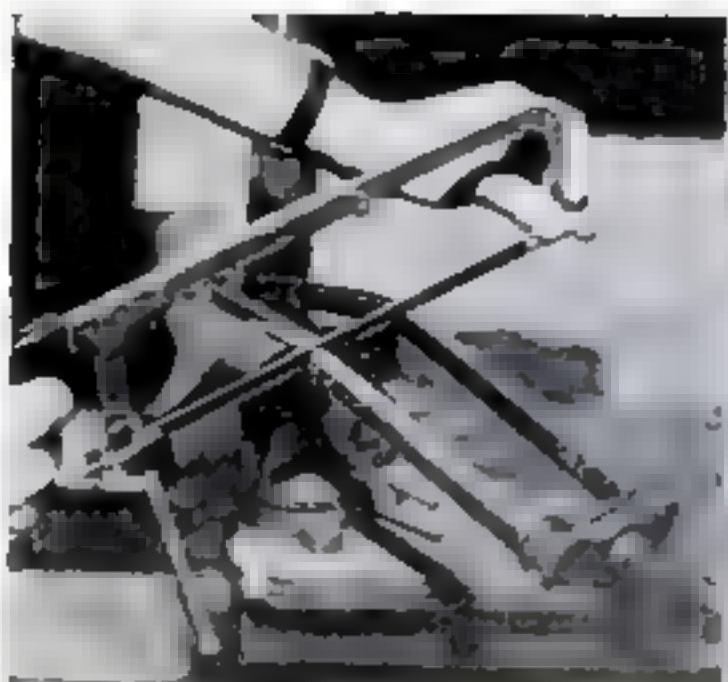
LOCK SCREENS in position by nailing $\frac{1}{8}$ " quarter-round along inside edge of footing strip. Nail quarter-round along inside of top, too.



TOENAIL EDGES of adjoining screens to strengthen joints. Get a helper to back up screens at points where you are nailing.



NAIL $\frac{1}{4}$ " BY $1\frac{1}{2}$ " STRIPS of wood over the joints between screens to cover the seams. Nail these strips on the outside of the screens. **END**



Trike Becomes Bike

If your child is outgrowing a tricycle but is still a bit too young for a regular bike, turn the three-wheeler into a two-wheeler. Because the converted job is partly familiar, it makes a fine "transition trainer" for youngsters unused to balancing. It costs only a buck or so for the conversion—far less than the price of a junior bike.

First, get an old front fork from a bike junk yards or bike-repair shops are good hunting grounds for this. Hacksaw off both arms of the fork at a point where it will just conveniently take one of the tricycle's rear

wheels. Flatten the ends in a vise and drill them to take the rear axle, which is a rod threaded at both ends.

Saw off the tricycle frame at a point that will restore the original height of the seat when the new fork and wheel are put on. Align the fork carefully and drill through both frame and fork for a pair of bolts. Brazing the joint as well will make it stronger—*F. W. Bishop, Los Angeles.*

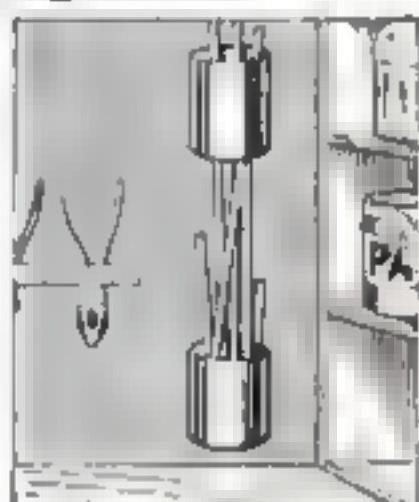


Holes Cut with Scriber

You can make big circular holes in thin wood panels with a scriber. Drive a nail where you want the center of the circle. Use a piece of wire (a paper clip will do) for the radius. In each end of the wire, bend loops to fit the scriber and the nail. Move the scriber around its circular path until the point cuts all the way through the panel.—*Walter E. Burton, Akron.*

Tin Cans Hold Long Stock

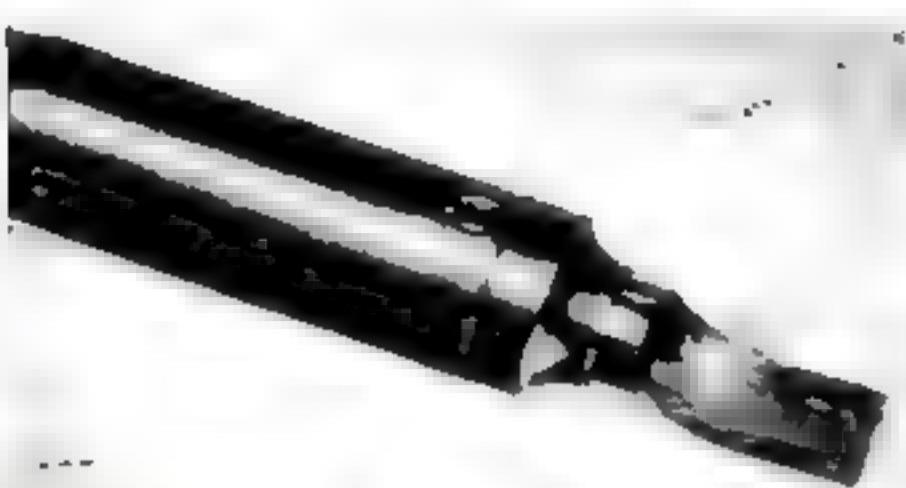
Dowel, molding and TV antenna elements may be neatly stored off the floor in tin cans. Just nail two cans (the upper one bottomless) to the wall as at right.—*Stanton R. Gaylord, Farmington, Minn.*



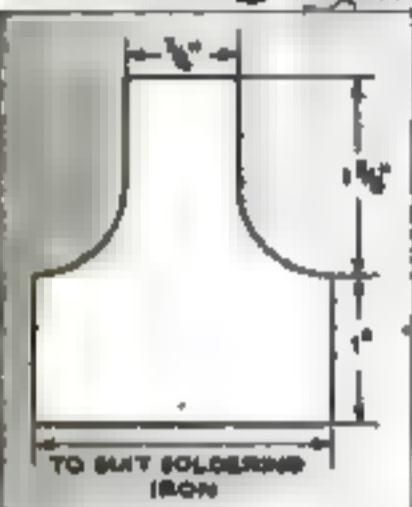
Jar Helps Small Spray Jobs



The feeder tube of a spray gun will not pick up small amounts of paint. A small glass jar provides a handy means of using small quantities and saves cleaning. Place the feeder tube in the jar and screw on the regular container.—*John Rea, Urbana, Ill.*



Soldering Iron Melts Shellac



BY SHAPING a tip out of .020" phosphor bronze you can convert a soldering iron into a tool for melting stick shellac, used to repair dents and scratches on furniture. It's much handier than the alcohol-lamp-and-spatula combination commonly used.

Bend the large end of the bronze around a suitable bar and make it a snug fit for the socket of the iron. To use it, melt stick shellac on the tip and then draw the iron quickly over the scratch. For large dents, drip the shellac in and level it with the iron.—Richard J. Decker, Brooklyn.

Broom Holds Chisel Safely



WHEN one man is driving a chisel and the other holding it, the holder's hands can be kept at a safe distance by using a broom to hold the chisel. Force the chisel through the broom as shown at right.



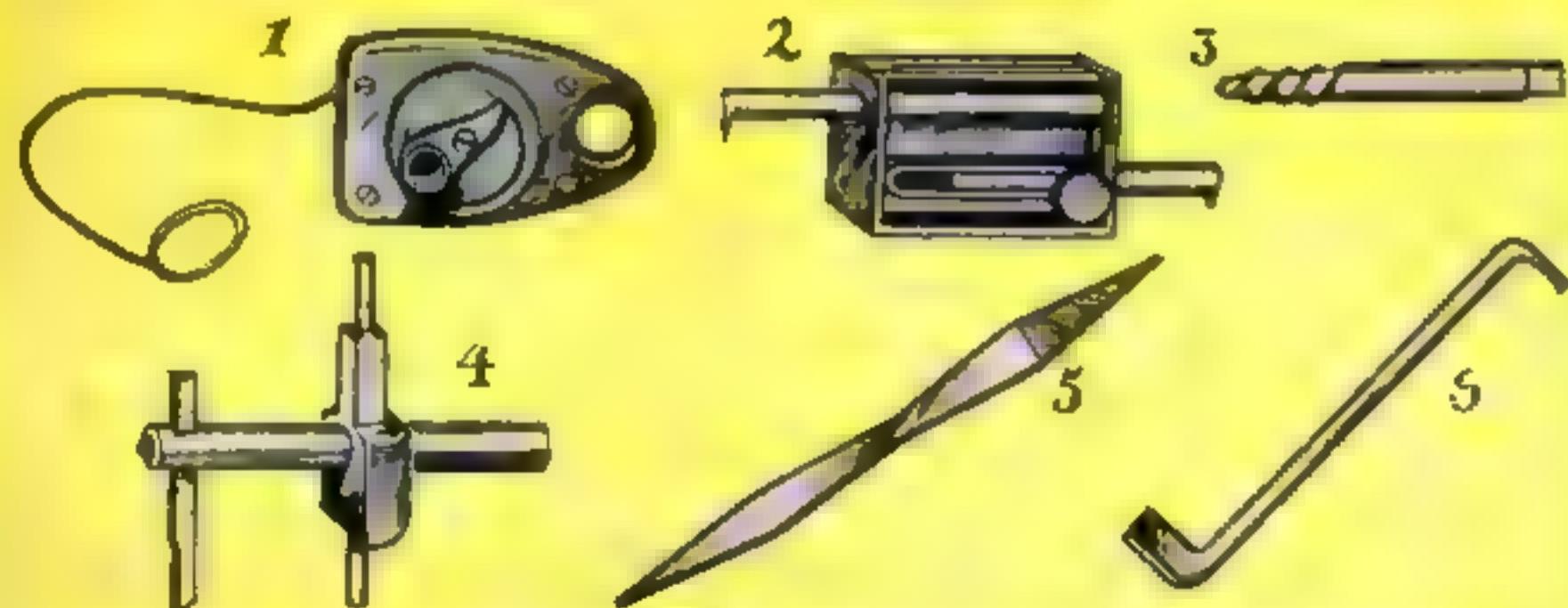
Beauty Aid for Auto Leather

APPLIED like paint, a new flexible coating is said to beautify and restore leather and canvas areas on cars. Ramcote Products, Chicago, makes it in a variety of colors.

TOOLBOX TEST

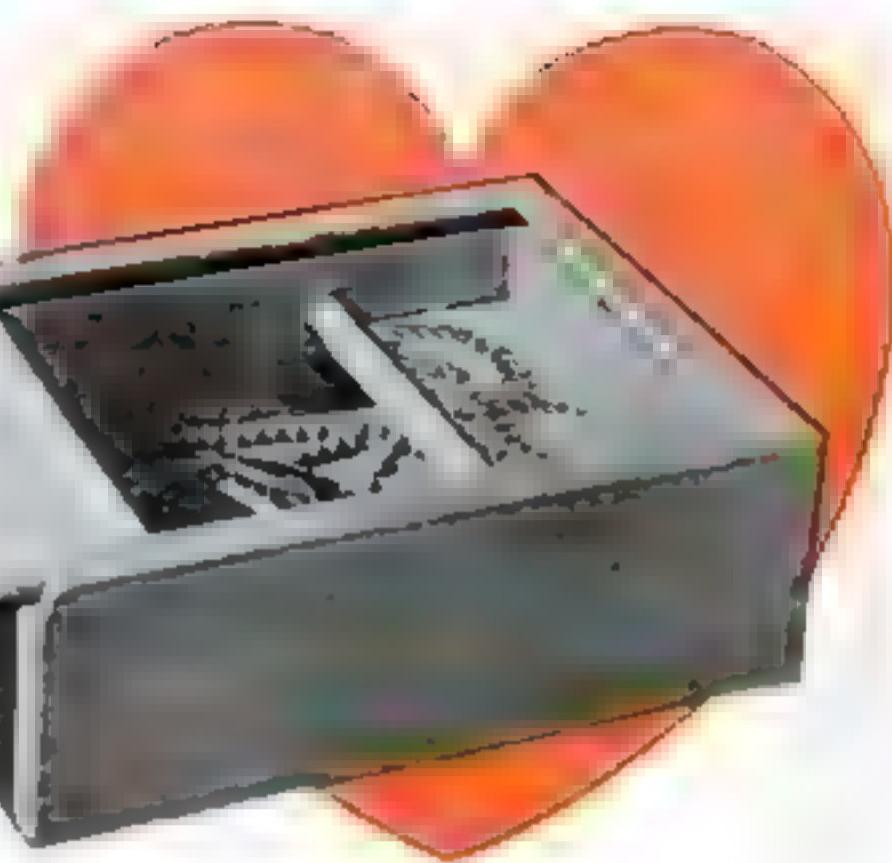
Sharpen up your knowledge of shop tools. Name these and invert the page to score yourself.

By C. B. Calby



"Automatic dial caliper," "Z-bar goniometer," "screw extractors," "drill chuck," "drill bit," "drill set," "drill driver,"

SLIDING LID and carved initial make this handsome redwood jewel box a standout attraction on any woman's dressing table.



Build a Box for a Valentine

This project is easy enough for beginners, attractive enough for experts.

YOU will be as welcome as an income-tax rebate if you build a box like this. Any woman will want it for Valentine's Day or her birthday. When the box is finished, take it to a candy shop and have it neatly packed with chocolates. When the candy is gone, she can use the box to hold jewelry and those knickknacks that a woman accumulates on her dressing table.

Construction. Building it is easy. You don't have to be an expert cabinetmaker and you don't need a shop full of tools. You can make all the cuts on a circular saw. The only other tools needed are a $\frac{1}{8}$ " drill to bore the blind holes for the dowel and a knife to carve the initial.

Build it with any clear-grained wood you have on hand. I used $\frac{1}{2}$ " redwood for the sides, ends and bottom, and $\frac{1}{4}$ " oak plywood for the top and shelf. The edge of the shelf

is a $\frac{1}{8}$ " dowel that is glued to the shelf and set in blind holes in the sides.

Assembly. Finished dimensions of the pieces are indicated on the photo below, which shows what the parts will look like after they are cut to size. Join the parts with glue and finishing nails. Set the nailheads and fill over them with wood filler tinted to match the wood. Round the corners of the box and lid with sandpaper and sand all the wood smooth. The initialed finger grip can be carved by hand or routed out on a drill press. I made mine of redwood to match the box, cutting it to a rough circle $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. It was deliberately carved crudely to resemble a knot. Then I glued it in place.

I finished the box with three coats of clear lacquer and rubbed it with paste wax.
—Darrell Huff, Sonoma, Calif.

READY FOR ASSEMBLY, all parts of box are pictured below. Lid slides in rabbets. Rear of

shelf is supported by rabbet and front is glued to dowel. Assemble with glue and nails.





Butler's Table Has Lift-Off Tray

**Even if your butler is off duty,
the convenience of this handsome table
will earn it a place in the living room.**

By L. E. Dufty

YOU don't have to have a butler to use a butler's table. Of English origin, the table was at first a serving tray. Later a base was added for convenience. This one, a handsome and useful table modeled along traditional lines, was built of solid mahogany at a cost of \$25, which is about \$100 less than a similar piece sold at retail.

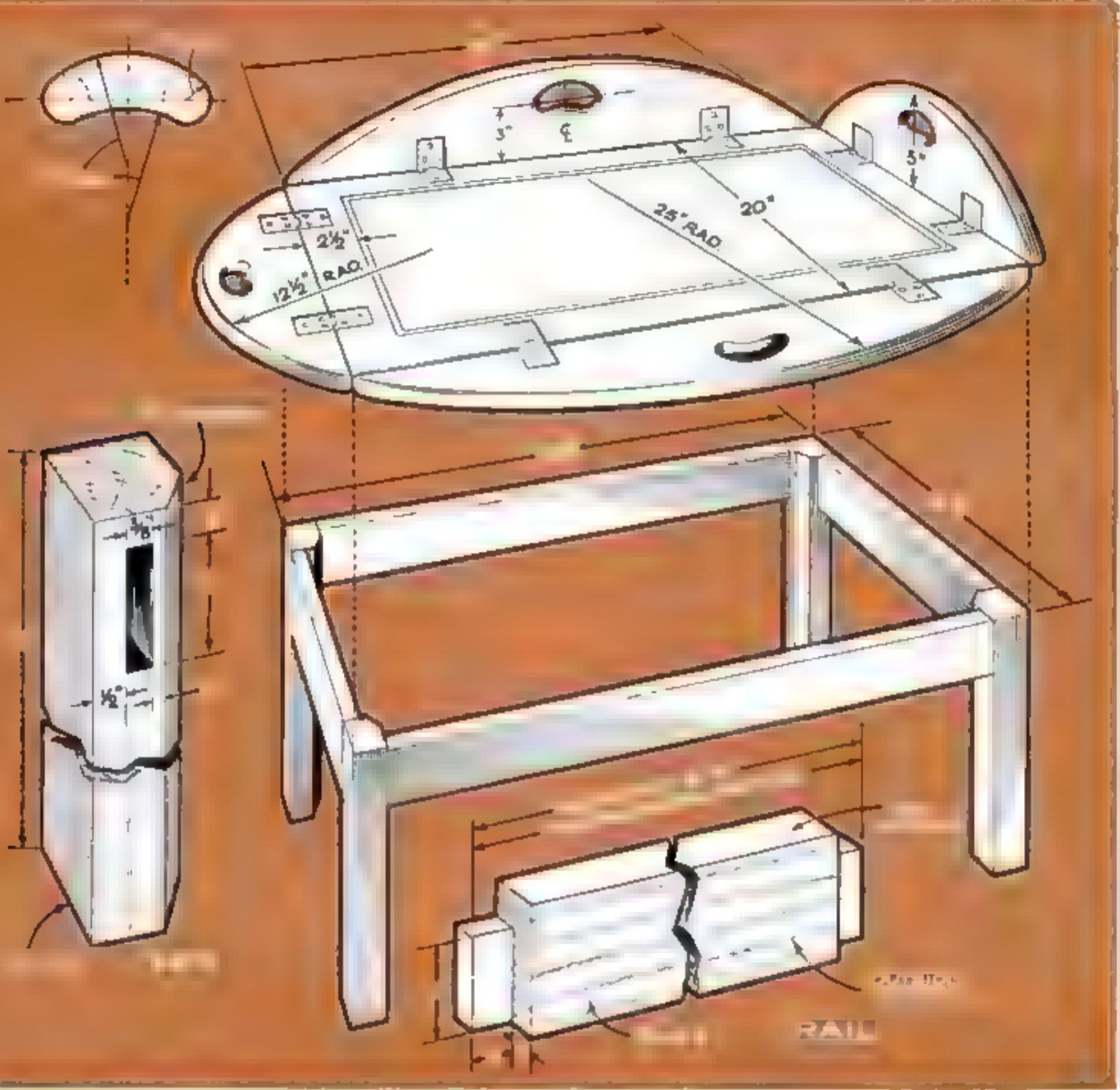
The table top, or center section of the tray, is built up by jointing four 31" lengths of 1" by 6" mahogany to form a slightly oversize surface 24" by 31". Plane

the edges carefully, checking frequently with a square. Try the pieces together to obtain the best grain match and drill holes for $\frac{1}{8}$ " dowels. Four dowels in each joint should be sufficient. Use a casein glue to join the pieces, as it sets slowly enough to give ample time for fitting and clamping and does not stain the wood.

Allow a full day for drying. Plane the top smooth on both sides using a plane at least 10" long. Sand the top smooth and, after selecting the best matched area, cut it to the finished size, 20" by 30".

Inlay band. The edges are then planed and sanded and the outline of the $\frac{1}{2}$ " inlay band is penciled in about $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from each edge. Rout or chisel a $\frac{1}{4}$ " groove in the wood a trifle shallower than the thickness of the





inlay—you sand the inlay flush after gluing. The inlay is next fitted to the groove with mitered corners. Glue, cover with paper and clamp with blocks to equalize pressure. When dry, sand through the paper till the inlay is perfectly flush with the top.

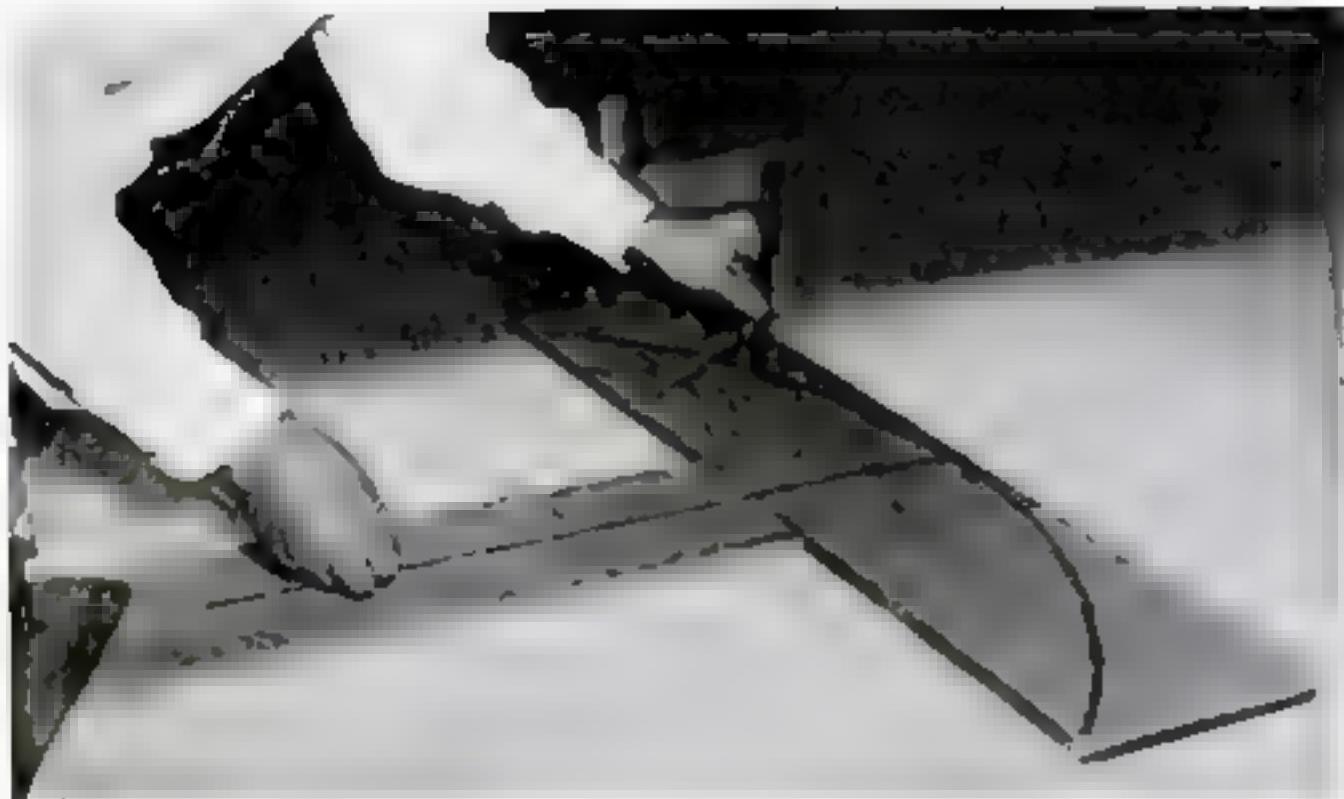
Table leaves are laid out with a string and pencil. The large leaves are drawn to a 25" radius, the small ones to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The width of all leaves at their centers is 5". Before cutting, check to be sure the radius layouts have given you the proper lengths: 30" for the long leaves, 20" for the short ones. A compass saw will do nicely for cutting the leaves.

Mortises for the hinges are outlined by placing the tray and leaves on a flat surface and laying the hinges in place, 6" from

the ends, with the barrels centered over the cracks between the pieces. Use a knife to cut sharp outlines and chisel out enough material to set the hinges flush with the wood surfaces. Hinges used on the table shown have a tension-adjusting screw set in an extra thickness of metal, necessitating a deeper mortise on the leaf side. The edges of the mortises should be deepened to accommodate the hinge barrels.

The hinges should be fitted, checked for easy folding and removed. Then the straight edges of the leaves and all edges of the tray should be rounded to a $\frac{3}{8}$ " radius to prevent binding.

Handholes are laid out and cut identically on all leaves. Draw a line 3" from the straight edge and parallel to it, and drill



STRING AND PENCIL make a workable compass for drawing the radius on each leaf. Keep the pencil vertical, the string taut.

two 1" holes on this line, each 1½" from the center of the leaf. Back up the work with scrap wood to prevent the drill from splintering through. A 2½" radius is then drawn tangent to the top and bottom edge of each hole and the material between the holes scroll-sawed out on these lines. Clean out the openings with a wood file and round off the handholes as well as the curved edges of the leaves to about ½" radius.

The base is made up of four 2½" rails—ripped from the remaining 6" stock—joined to four 1½"-square by 17" legs with mortise and offset tenon joints. A ½" chamfer is cut on the inner corner of each leg to relieve the severity of squareness. Easiest assembly procedure is to glue the end rails to the legs first. When the glue dries, connect them with the front and rear rails.

The tray top may be turned face down, covered with wax paper and used as a guide for squaring the frame during assembly, leaving you free to check the legs to be sure they are perpendicular.

Cleats hold tray. You're risking your



LEAVES UP, the tray table occupies about as much space as a small coffee table. Extended, the leaves form an oval 30" by 40".

china and rugs if you rely on the weight of the tray alone to hold it on the base. Many builders attach the two units permanently, but you can preserve the basic idea by putting two cleats, 1" by 1" by 8", on the underside of the tray to hold it in position on the base, yet permit instant removal.

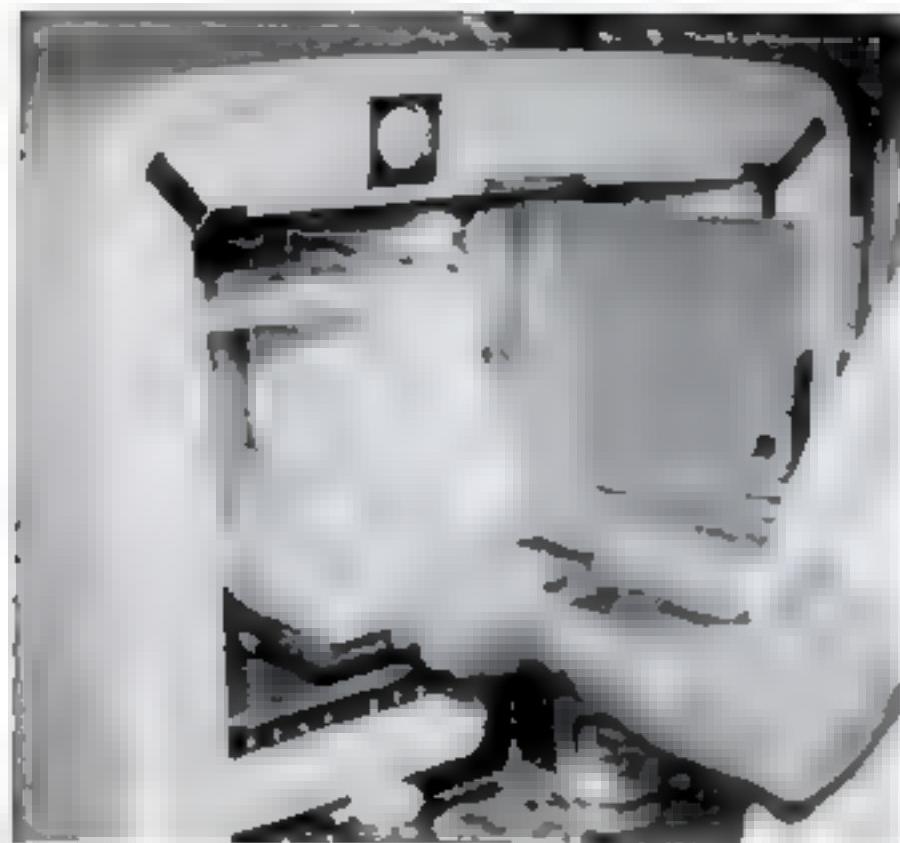
Finishing. Brown water stain is applied, using the following schedule:

- Remove hinges and dampen all surfaces to raise the grain. When dry, sand smooth with 5-0 garnet paper, open-coat. To be certain of a smooth finish repeat this operation.
- Shellac the inlay band to prevent discoloration from the stain. Use a fine brush and cover *only* the inlay.
- Brush on the stain. When dry, go over all surfaces with a wash coat of yellow shellac diluted with about seven parts alcohol to one part shellac.
- Allow a few hours for the wash coat to dry and rub down with fine steel wool.
- Fill the grain with mahogany paste filler. Cover a section at a time and rub it off before the filler dries hard. Allow it to dry overnight and sand lightly with 7-0 garnet paper. Then wipe clean with a rag moistened with benzine.
- Clear lacquer is brushed or sprayed on and allowed to dry for at least four hours. Smooth with 5-0 aluminum oxide paper and apply another coat. Four coats were similarly applied to this table, the final one being rubbed with pumice and water, using a felt block about 3" square. Water is added at intervals during rubbing to keep the abrasive wet. When the desired finish is obtained, wash with a wet chamois.

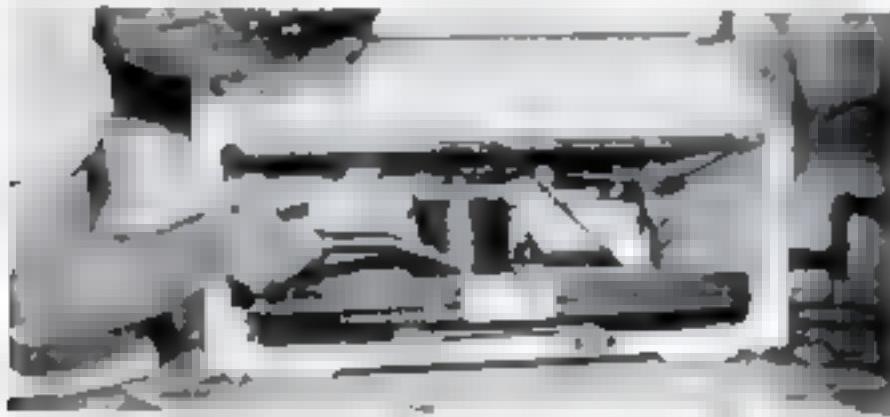
The pumice-and-water rubdown will produce a satiny surface, very pleasant to touch, and is usually all that is required to finish a piece of this type. Additional sheen may be obtained if desired by rubbing with rottenstone and oil on a soft cloth folded into a pad.

END

Next month: An old-fashioned post lamp with plastic windows will decorate your yard—and also be safe from stones and BB shot.



Defrosting. Necessary—if you don't have an automatic defroster—every two or three weeks with moderate humidity, every few days in sticky weather. Don't let more than $3/16"$ of frost form; it insulates coils, retains food odors. Quick method (above): Turn control to off position. Remove trays. Put boiling water in freezer compartment. Overnight method: Turn control to defrost. After defrosting, wipe freezer dry, reset control. Never chip ice with tool.



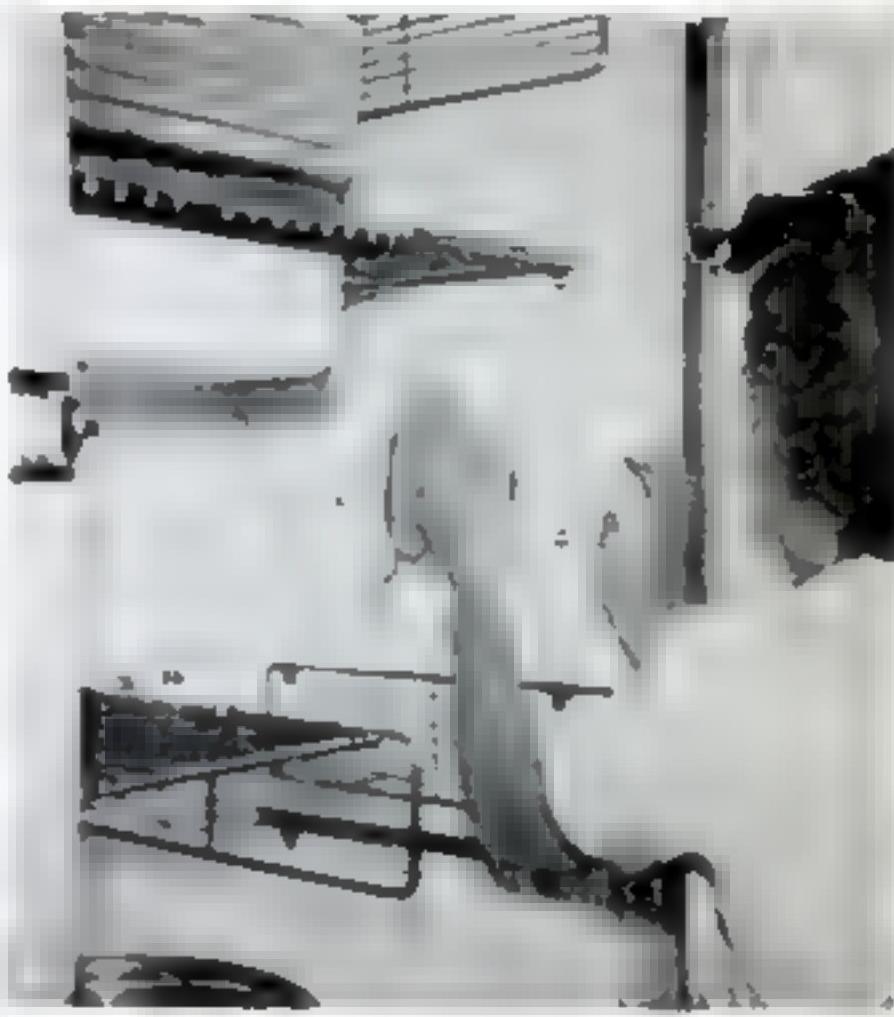
Dusting. Every six months use your vacuum cleaner (above) to take the dust out of the mechanism compartment. Be careful not to bend any tubes or they may vibrate.

Checking the Door. Insert a card between door gasket and cabinet, as shown below. If you can slip card along with door closed, adjust latch strike for more tension. Loosen screws in strike and move it toward rear of box. Tighten screws, test again.



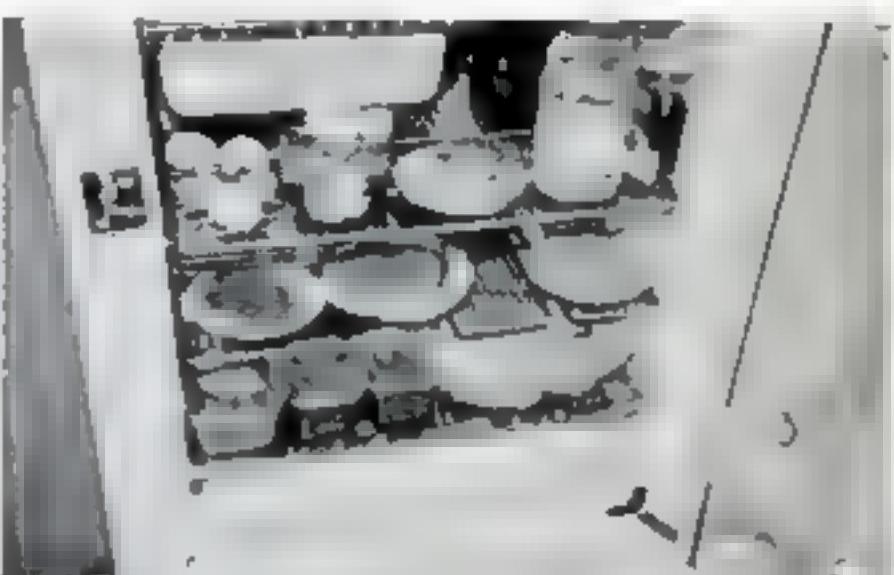
Refrigerator Reminders

That gleaming new box will gleam—and perform—a lot longer if you put it on a regular diet of little attentions.



Cleaning. Wipe exterior each month with mild soap and water. Repeat with clean water. Use refrigerator wax to clean and protect surface. Don't use oily furniture polish or scouring powders. To clean interior (above), use warm water and baking soda or mild soap and water. Follow with clean water and wipe dry. Don't use wax, polish or cleaning powders on interior.

Storing Food. As a general rule, store foods in covered containers (below). This keeps moist foods from drying. Covers also stop food products from giving off or absorbing odors. Use plastic covers, aluminum foil or wax paper to cover open dishes.



How Flying Cameramen

If they don't fall out, pass out, get knocked out or have to bail out, they may get their pictures of a plane on its test flight.



FLYING WING TAKES OFF. It's easy to see where the photographer was standing as the Air

Force's mighty Northrop Flying Wing eight-jet bomber took off. Too close for comfort.

LOOK OUT, PHOTOGRAPHER! As Bill Newman squatted on ground, the jet came down to

eight feet before pulling into a climb. On first pass, suction upset the cameraman. The



Get Their Pictures

By Gordon Ashmead

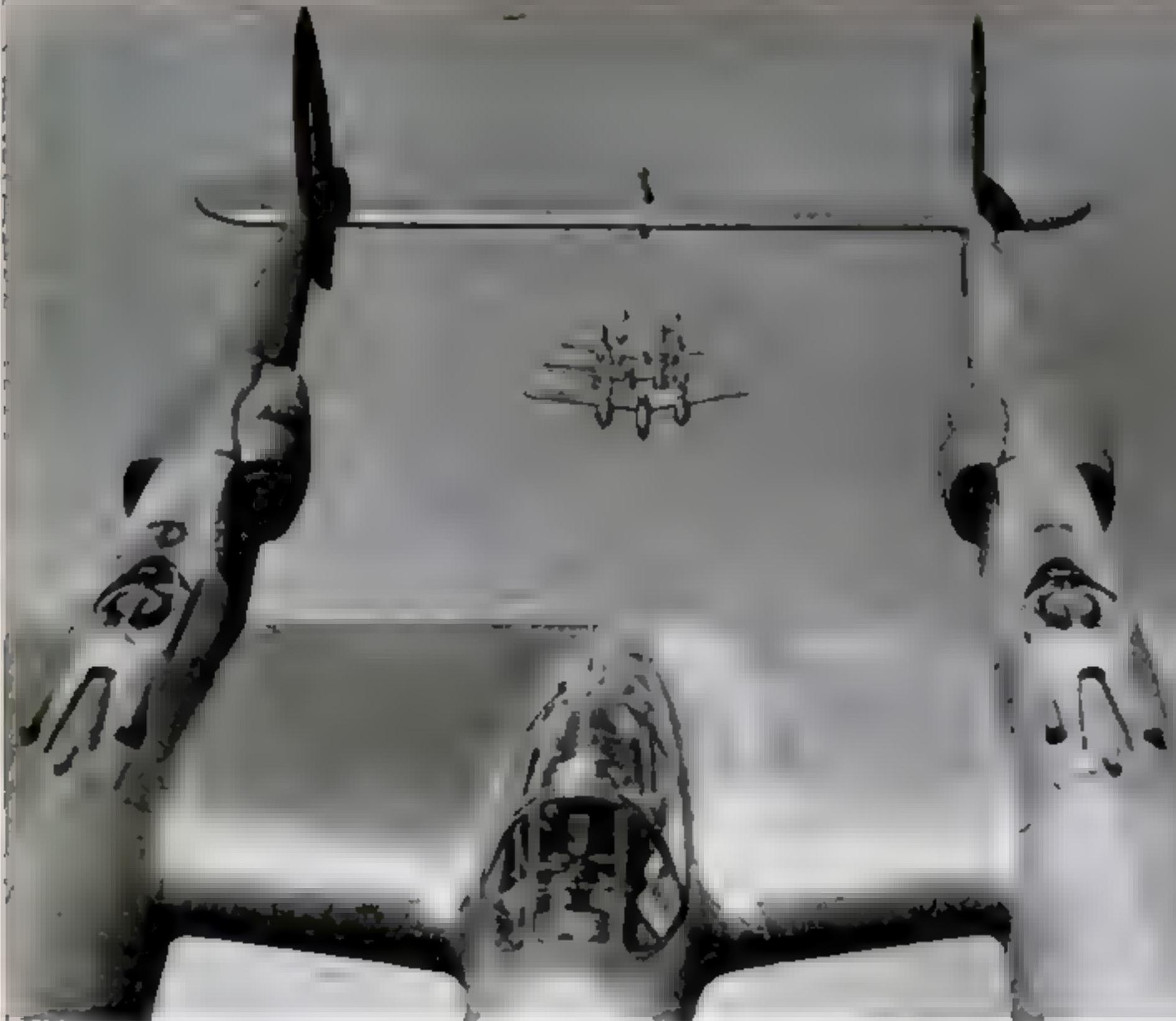
IN THE middle of the long airfield a lonely figure knelt with his back to the wind, glanced into the distance, and raised his camera. Faster than the sound of its own blast, a jet dropped out of the sky and zeroed on the photographer. As the plane skimmed eight feet from the ground its suction flung the cameraman on his back. Then the gray blast from the engine picked him up and watchers saw a bundle of arms and legs cartwheeling in the dust and smoke.

"When he came over those hills it was too late to move," said test-photographer Bill Newman. "Next time I was sitting down, my knees up and the camera between them, and I got the shot."

Newman was making an engineering record of the bottom of a low-level dive. He belongs to a select little group of aircraft-company photographers. Aloft, these men

second time, he got picture below. At right, the business end of an aerial camera.





GOOD FRAMING. It took fine timing to get trailing ships framed through the empennage of this lead F-38. Erik Miller shot picture from open tail hatch of his plane.



CLOSE-UP—AND A CLOSE CALL. "When I made this head-on shot of a Constellation from the tail of a Lockheed Hudson," says Erik Miller, "we took off the rear hatch. I had to lie on a ramp that held my feet higher than my head. My helper rigged a rope across the ship and told me to wrap my feet around it. I did and wriggled out and looked right into the props of that Connie, 50 or 60 feet away. The job done, I inched back and found the rope I'd blindly trusted was held by two little wood pegs stuck into angles of the ribs. One was broken. Now I check such things myself!"

juggle Speed Graphics for Kodachrome shots, Fairchild K-20s for black-and-white and then a 16-mm. for movie work. If they shoot through plastic bubbles they get distortion and color interference. So they generally roll back canopies and open the bubbles or hatches or even the doors, when there are doors. Anything loose may be sucked out and often is—even occasionally a photographer.

Things happen to flying airplanes that even wind tunnels fail to show. Before a ship can go into production those bugs must be eliminated. If it's a tail flutter, a camera plane tracks the subject. It gets as close as is healthy—around 50 feet, just outside the ship stream. Telephoto lenses won't do because the long tube holding the lens exaggerates every movement of the cameraman and his plane. You have to get right in there.

Erik Miller has been in this business since

before the war. One time in the nose of a Martin with all his gear he found the subject ship 8,000 feet below them at the rendezvous. Miller's pilot tipped over the nose and Erik felt the deck drop from under him. The pilot saw what happened, thought it was fun and kept Erik suspended in the air with a series of roller-coaster dips.

Despite several close calls, Miller doesn't really think his job is dangerous, and Roy Wolford, head of Northrop Aircraft's Photographic Section, shares his view. Roy is an oldtimer and he is only 36. Yet he has been around airplanes for more than 20 years.

His long association with aircraft may account for Wolford's approach to his work. In the first place, he points out, before a photographer can go aloft in a military airplane he must be checked physically to the same standards the test pilots meet. Passing those, he must be indoctrinated in high-altitude flight in a pressure chamber. A group goes through together dressed in the high-altitude suits equipped with helmet, goggles, intercom mikes and oxygen gear.

Keep Your Mask on, Brother!

Oxygen masks operating, there is little difference from ground level, and some may be inclined to take the whole business too lightly. The instructors know how to deal with this. Roy was the guinea pig when he went through. At a simulated 18,000 feet his oxygen mask was removed and he was told to make a running report on how he felt.

"I felt fine," Roy told me, "it was easier to breathe without the mask and a bit heady. The instructor had me write my name on a pad. We went higher and higher and I still felt keen. I wrote my name again and then I noticed that the altimeter was reaching way up. I didn't feel bad, but things were getting blurry. My arm pained me where I'd broken it years ago. My ears were humming and it took a shake on the shoulder before I realized the instructor was saying, 'Write your name, write your name, where do you live?' Next, I wondered why the rest of the gang were looking at me."

Wolford had passed out and the other men in the chamber had a demonstration they will probably never forget.

G Forces Can Knock You Down

Not everyone is geared to flight. Some excellent photographers are too tense from unrecognized fears to do their work well. Most of the men I've interviewed agree that



JET ASSIST. That column of white smoke engulfed Val Hawes a second later, but he had his picture. The Northrop Raider, with six JATO rockets firing, was shot at 1/400.

you should park your nerves on the ground.

It's a different world up there. When you snap the baby in the yard or sit down in your favorite chair you are encountering forces familiar to you—one-G forces. It is the same in level flight no matter what your altitude. But if your camera ship must go into a sudden climb you may find yourself operating under a two- or three-G force. That means that your 15-pound camera suddenly weighs 30 or 45 pounds.

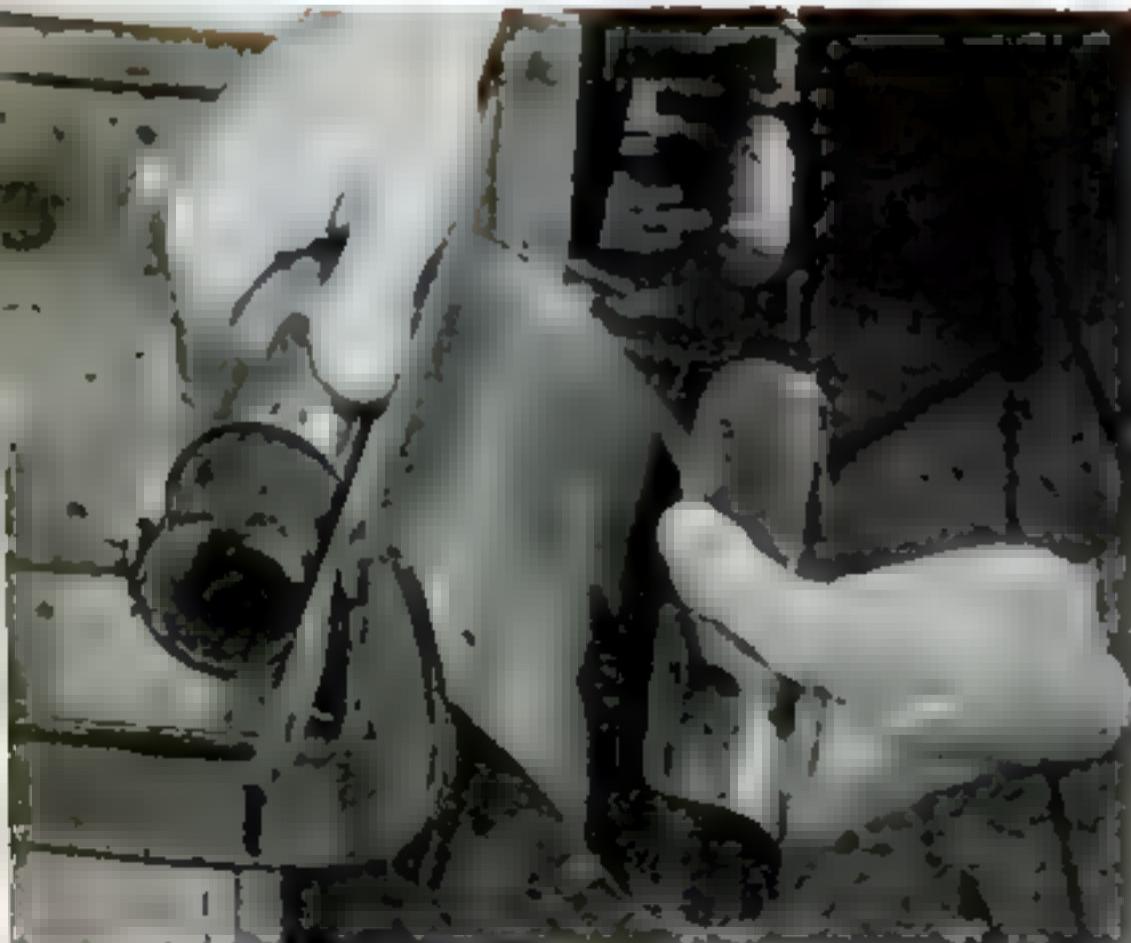
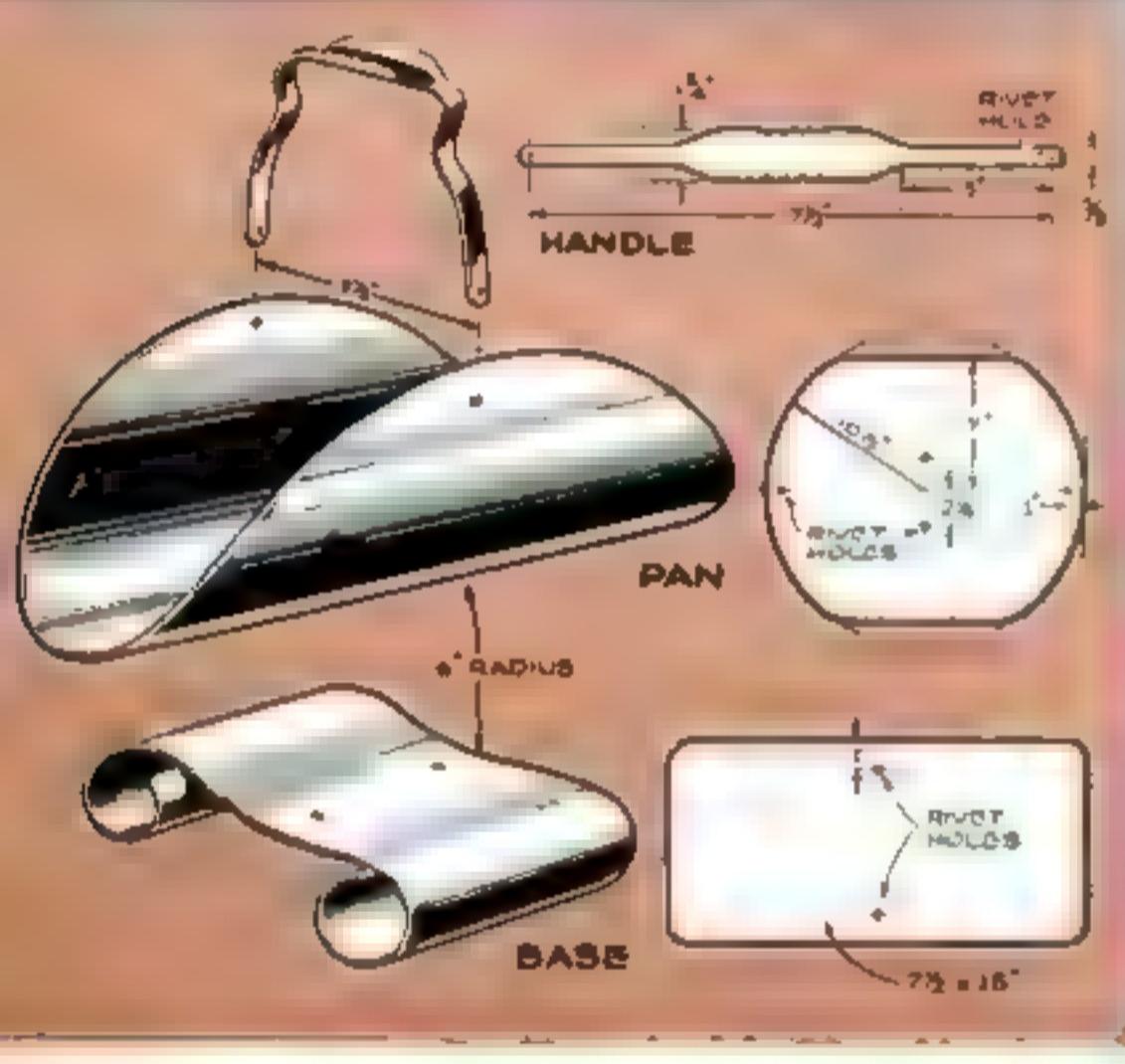
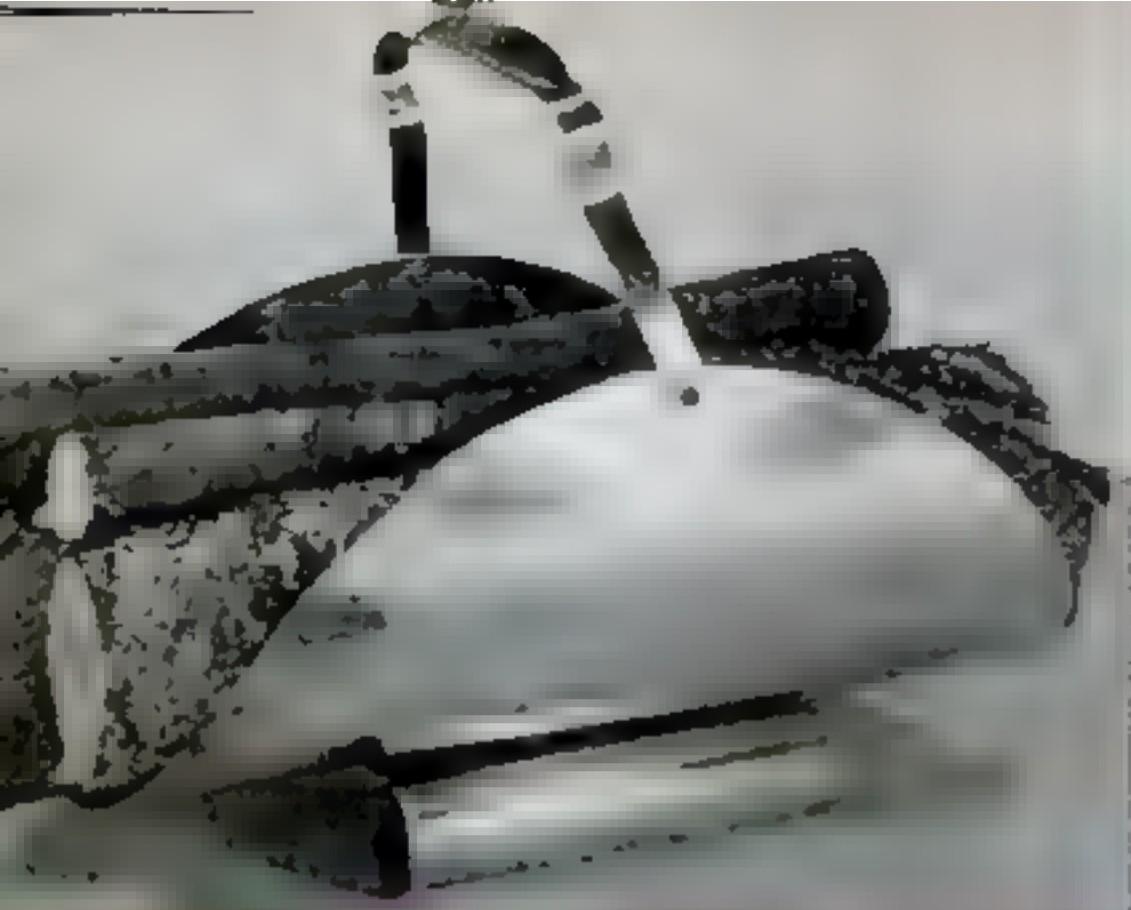
If you are a slight young fellow like Val Hawes, Roy Wolford's sidekick at Northrop, that sudden increase in your own weight and the camera weight can slam you down.

How to Lose a Cameraman

A photographer must know the pictures required and how they are to be taken. This is discussed with both pilots before the flight. In the air, both pilots receive direction from the photographer by intercom or hand motions. The cameraman hopes to get pilots with lots of flying hours and he prefers men he knows. In the late days of the last war a lot of hours didn't always mean an old pilot. Lew Nichols, shooting a Douglas transport, got a slight touch of religion finding that out.

Lew liked to shoot from a Beechcraft. It

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One-Evening Shop Projects

Brass Basket Holds Logs. With a pair of tin snips and a few woodworking tools you can make a gleaming brass basket that will keep your firewood neatly stacked and add glamour to the hearth.

Lay out cardboard templates of the parts and scribe the outlines on a 21" by 30" sheet of .035" yellow brass. Cut out the pan, base and handle, smooth all edges with a fine mill file and drill rivet holes.

The main bending operations are pictured below. To make the scrolls in the base, clamp the brass sheet between a 1 1/8" pipe and a flat metal bar, and bend the brass around the pipe.

Shape the pan by pressing the ends of the blank upward and inward until the bottom forms a smooth curve of about 6" radius.

Form the sides of the handle with your fingers and use a woodworker's vise to bend up the scalloped center.

Buff the pieces and rivet the pan to the handle and base.

Building time: three hours.



Scoop Cleans Fireplace. This attractive companion to the log basket can be used either as a silent butler or for cleaning ashes from the fireplace.

Scribe the body outline carefully on .035" yellow brass. When you cut it out, leave a little extra metal around the ears of the two sides. Clamp the blank in a vise and bend the rear tab around a $1\frac{1}{8}$ " pipe to form a cylinder. Grip the two sides between wood blocks and bend them up to square-cornered right angles. Trim the ears to match the curve of the scroll back. Press the sides tightly against the cylinder and solder all seams.

You can turn a wooden handle on a lathe or use any you may have. In either case, taper the bottom $3\frac{1}{8}$ " to a tip diameter of $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Wrap a brass socket around the tapered portion, drill a pilot hole through the roll back of the shovel, and use a pipefitter's tapered reamer to make a snug fit for the socket. Solder it into the opening and fasten the handle with a brass screw.

Scrape and file off excess solder. Lacquer the handle black and polish and buff the brass parts. If you have a place to hang the shovel, add a brass ring and chain to the handle.

Building time: four hours.

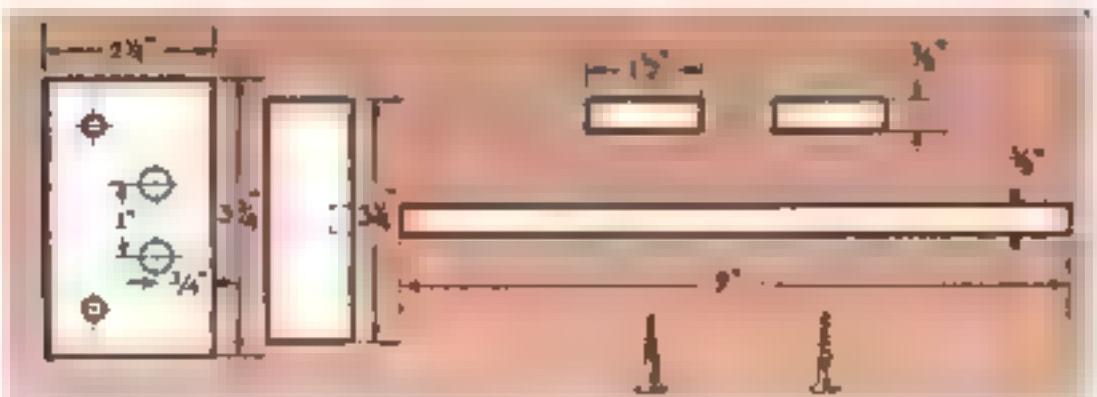
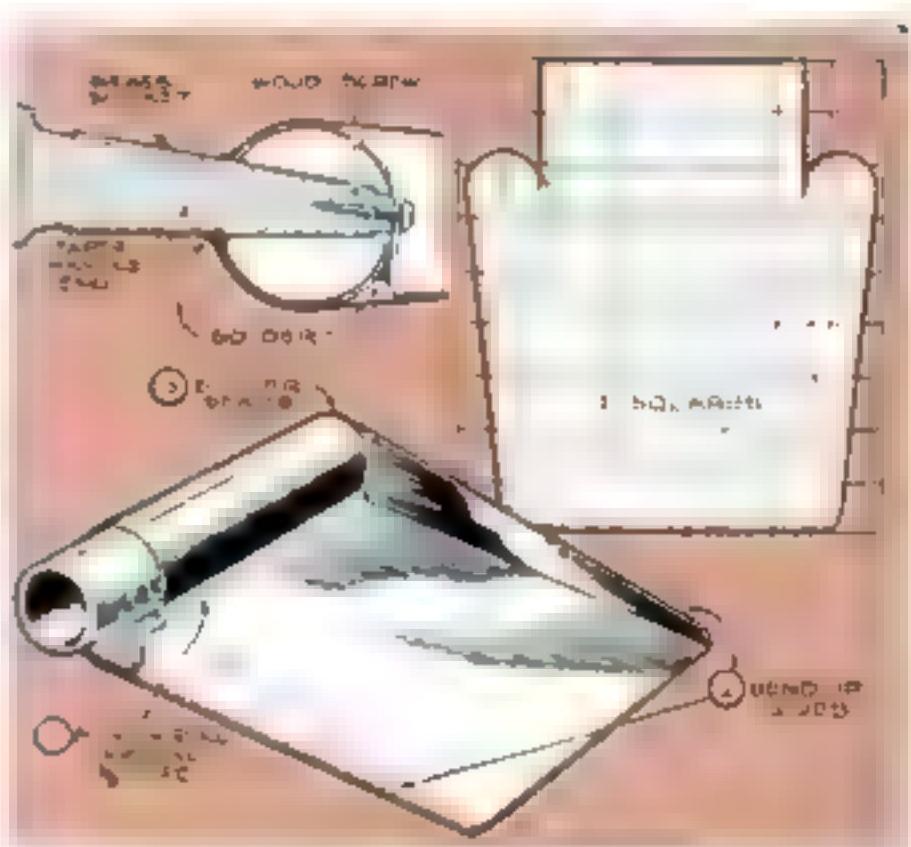
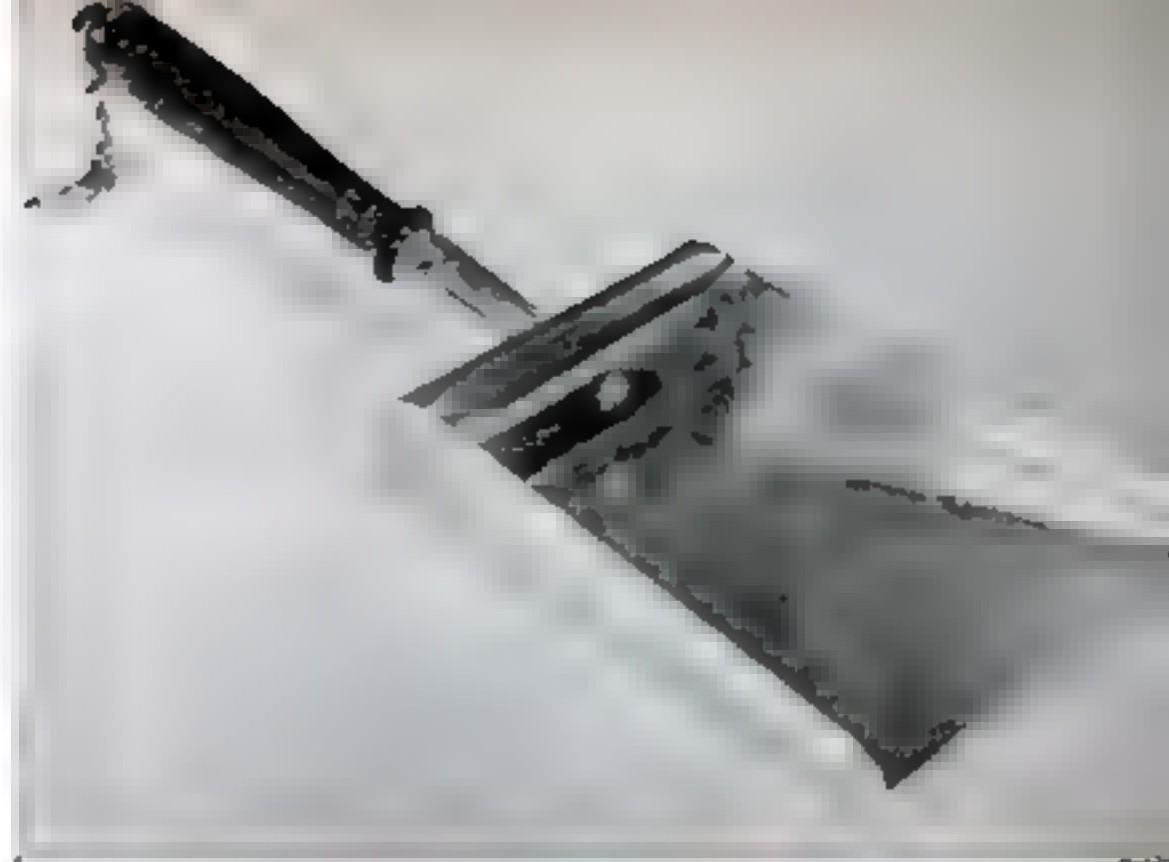
Mallet Helps in Kitchen. You'll probably find enough pieces of scrap to make this hardwood mallet, useful to tap open stubborn jar lids and stuck windows, crack nuts, pound meat or chip ice.

A broken hammer handle is good stock for the head. Cut the piece from the big end, and midway along a narrow side bore a hole about three-quarters through to receive the dowel handle. Glue the handle in place.

Bore the holes in the mounting block at a slight angle so the glued-in dowels will tilt upward.

Sandpaper well, rounding off all sharp edges and corners, and finish with a coat of shellac.

Building time: one hour.





Two Fingers Work New Camera

ONCE you focus and set the diaphragm opening and shutter speed on this new camera, you can shoot a roll of 35-mm. film in a few seconds, using two fingers. One trips the shutter, the other operates a lever that both advances the film and cocks the shutter. Imported from Germany, the Ansco



Karomet comes with a Schneider or Rodenstock f/2 lens, a synchronized shutter with speeds to 1/500 second, and a split-image range finder. It sells for about \$175.

For beginners, Ansco now offers three camera kits containing everything needed for flash photography. The one shown at right above sells for about \$30.

Berry Baskets Store Nails



BERRY baskets, tacked to boards the depth of your shelves, make handy storage bins for small hardware. Cover gaps at the basket corners with masking tape. Handles attached to the boards make it easier to slide them in and out on the shelves.—Walter Haase, Hartford, Conn.

Scoring Helps Hammer Grip



You can get a better grip on a hammer handle scored with a wood-burning tool as shown. This is cleaner and neater than wrapping with friction tape.—V. H. Lamoy, Upper Jay, N. Y.

Tubing Pads Toolbox Handle

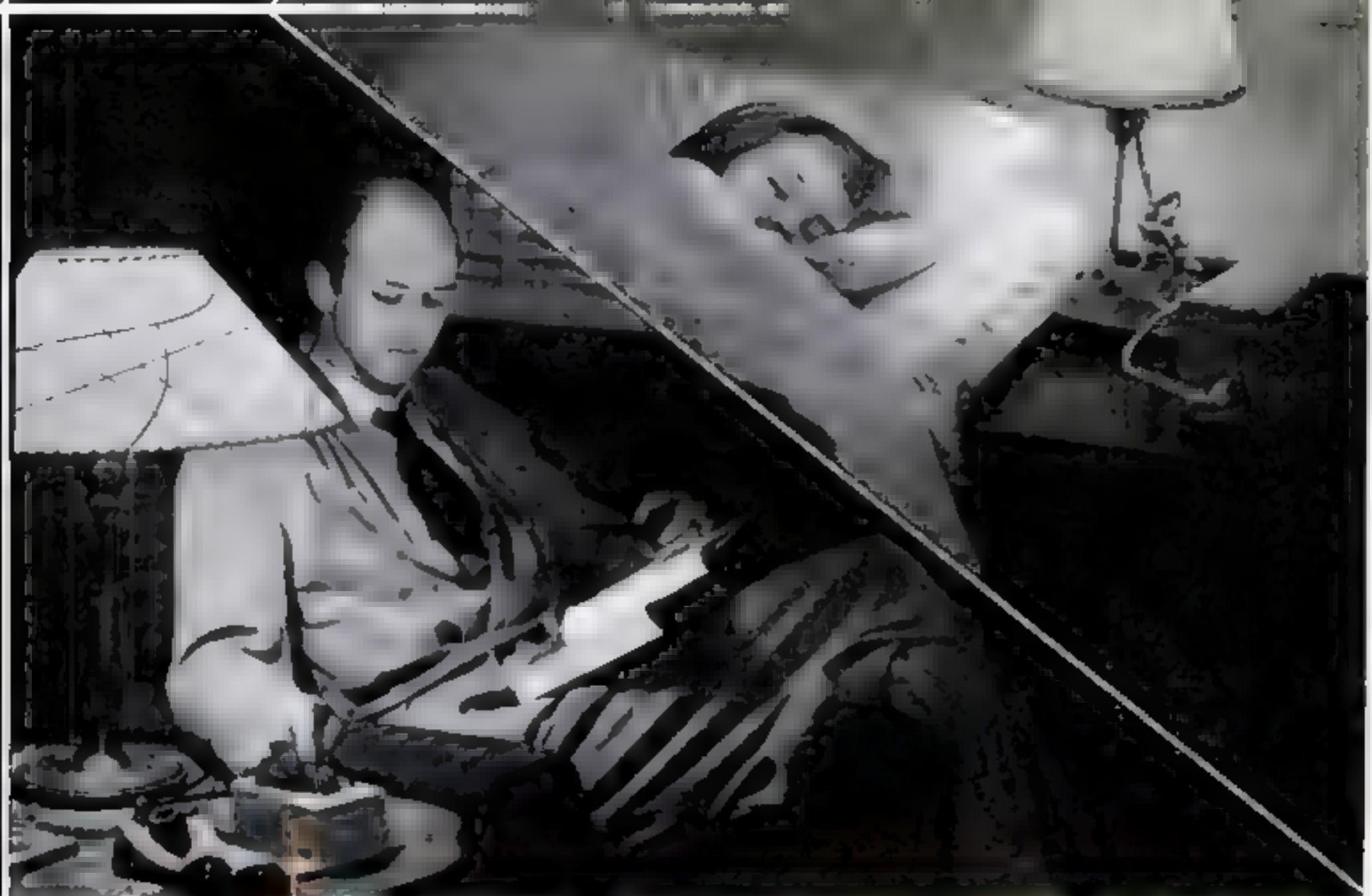


WHEN filled with heavy tools and equipment, even a small toolbox is hard on the carrying hand. A comfortable grip can be provided by splitting a piece of rubber tubing and taping it to the handle as shown above.—John J. Rea, Urbana, Ill.

Cold-Light Tube Flashes Signals

A COLD-CATHODE tube in this electronic signal flasher produces a bright light visible for about a mile. Three 90-volt batteries provide current. The maker, Haledy Electronics Co., New York City, says batteries last longer and visibility is greater because no current is wasted to make filaments glow or to run moving parts.





Robot Messenger Saves Steps

"Wired wireless" runs this portable switch that plugs in anywhere to control lights and appliances someplace else.

By Howard G. McEntee

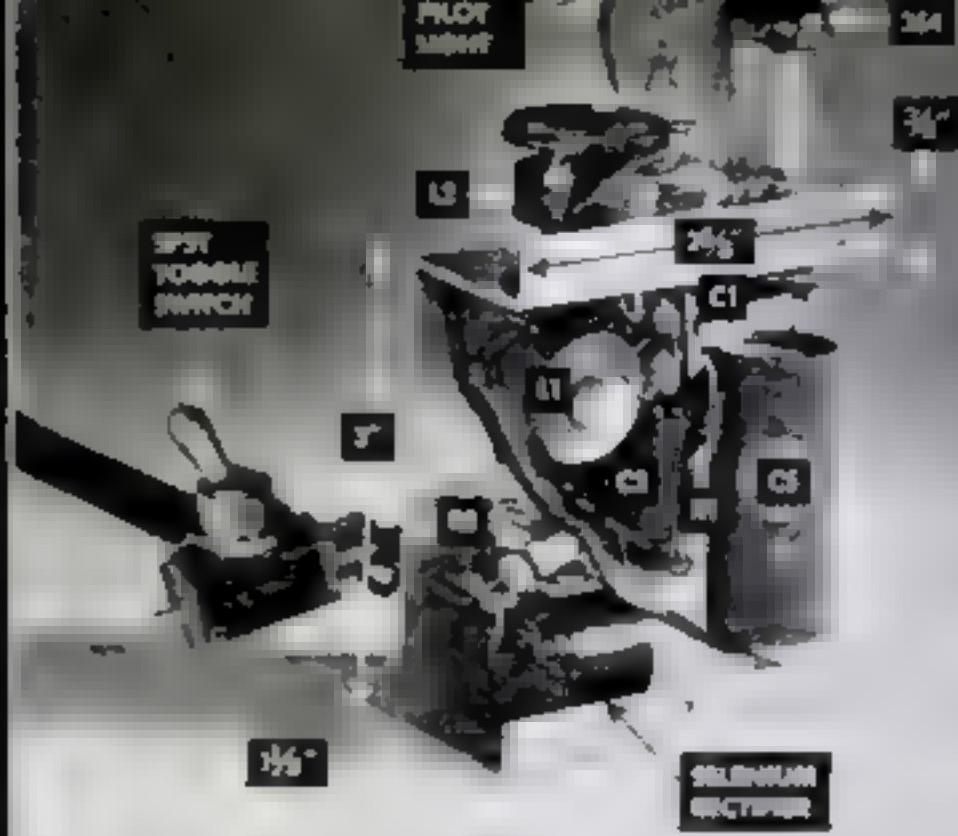
THIS electronic errand boy will operate almost any electrical device in your house or even in your neighborhood. With it you need only stretch out your hand to start the coffee brewing downstairs, turn on a fan in the attic, put out a light in the upstairs nursery, silence a radio in the next room or floodlight the yard and driveway.

Essentially it is a portable electric switch that turns power on or off from a distance. Half of it is a tiny radio transmitter that is built into a cut-down file box. It sends its signals over the two-conductor 115-volt AC wiring found in nearly all homes. The receiver—the other half—can be plugged in anywhere on the same electrical circuit. It picks up the commands pulsed out by the transmitter and opens or closes a relay switch.

Both halves of the control system can be left plugged in and waiting for your orders because the receiver uses practically no current while it is standing by and the transmitter takes none at all.

Transmitter. A miniature 3S4 tube generates a radio-frequency signal when the power switch is closed. The signal





PARTS FOR THE TRANSMITTER

175- μ h. center-tapped air-core IF output transformer (Mueller No. 16-3781; Miller No. 512-K3 or equivalent). Transformer is cut in two. One part (L1) is used in transmitter, the rest in receiver.
2.5-mh. radio-frequency choke.
250-mmf mica condensers (2 required).

001-mfd. mica condenser.
002 mfd. mica condenser
20-mfd. 200-volt electrolytic condenser
50,000-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt carbon resistor.
39-ohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt carbon resistor.
85-ma. selenium rectifier.
6-watt, 115-volt miniature lamp.

Candelabra socket and jewel light for above.
334 tube and miniature socket.
SPST toggle switch.
Double fuse holder and two $\frac{1}{2}$ -ampere fuses.
Line cord and plug.
3" by 5" wooden file box.
Terminal strips, chassis, miscellaneous hardware

is fed back to the power line through a condenser (C4).

The tube has an instant-heating filament designed to work off a three-volt battery. It is wired to the 115-volt line in series with a 6-watt pilot light that reduces the voltage on the filament and also serves to show when the transmitter is on.

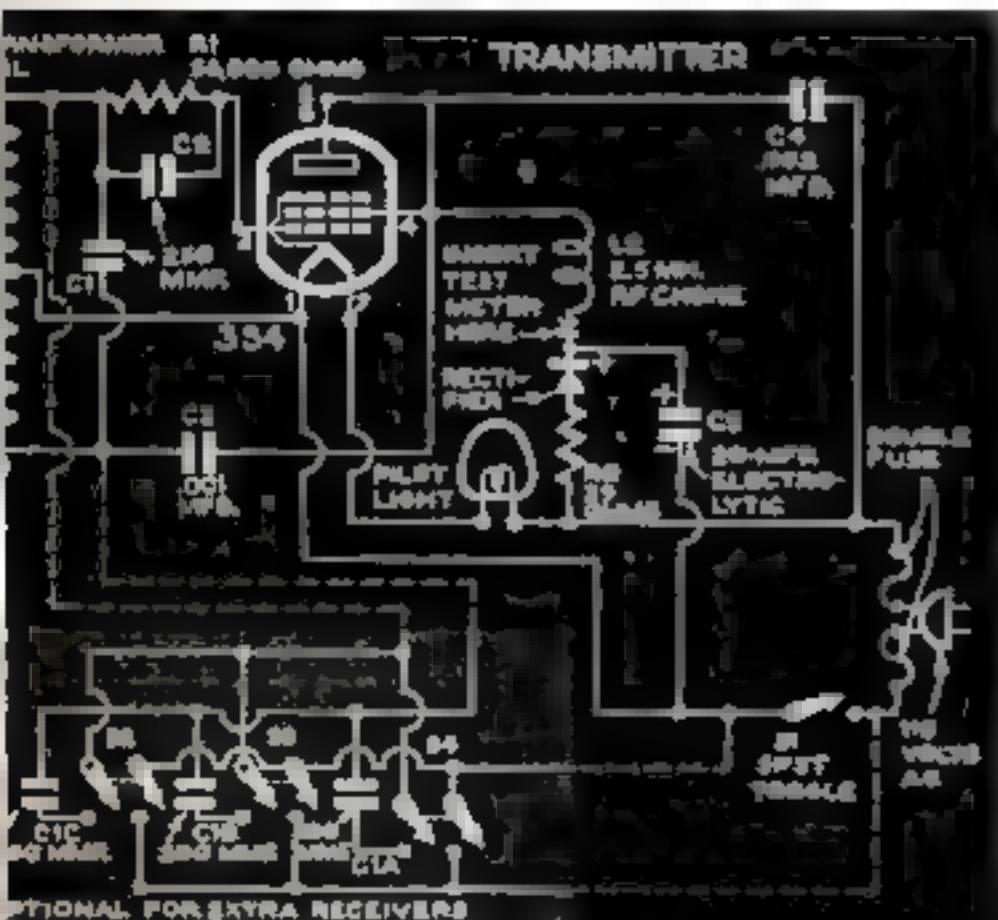
All transmitter parts fit easily inside a 3" by 5" wooden file box cut down to a total inside height of 2". Except for the switch—which goes on the box lid—all parts are assembled on a chassis bent up from a strip of 1/16" aluminum as shown above.

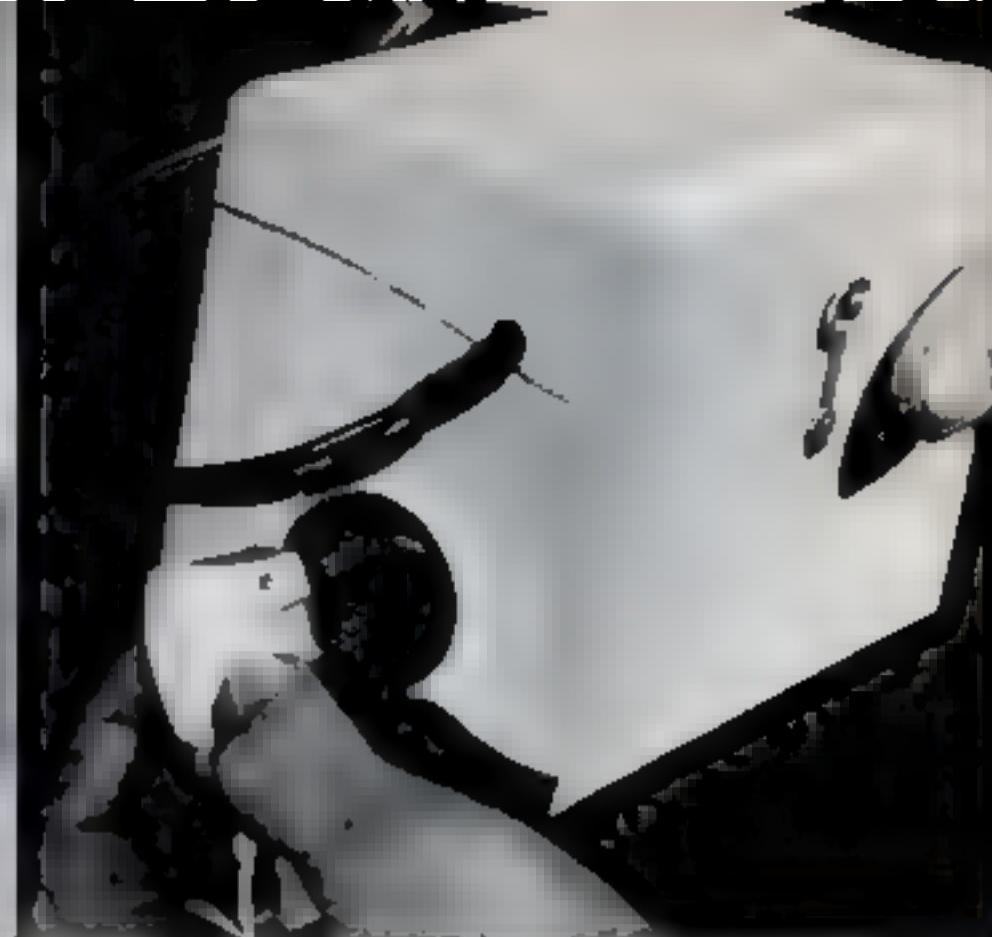
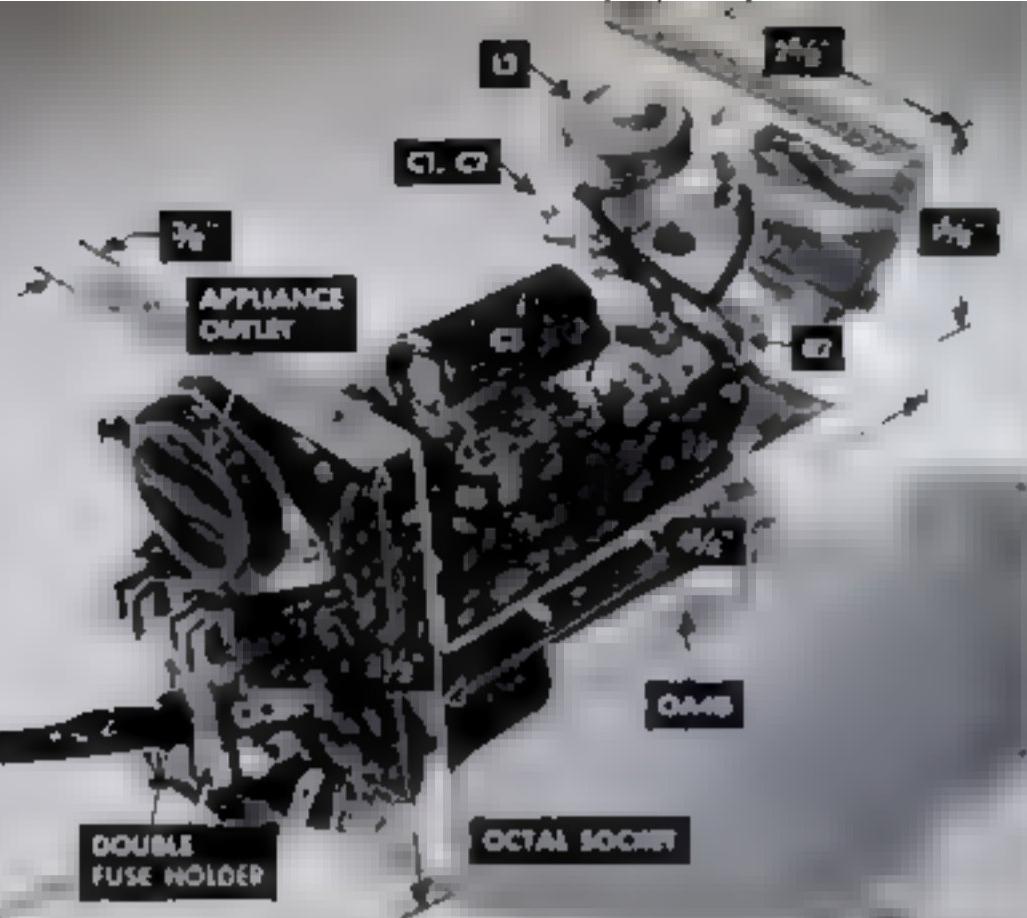
The radio-frequency choke (L2) was placed on the outside bend of the chassis for convenience and to keep it separated from the transformer coil (L1). You can rearrange the other parts any way you like, but don't put the two coils side by side.

Receiver. The chassis of the receiving unit is made up of an upright leg bolted to a horizontal L. Electronically the arrangement of the parts is not critical, but some of them are fairly large so you have to lay them out carefully to get them into a full-size file box.

The OA4G is a gas-discharge tube. In stand-by operation it draws very little current from the line. When a signal reaches it, the gas "fires" and the tube becomes conductive. As soon as this happens, current flows through the relay coil and pulls in the contact. This, in turn, connects an appliance outlet directly across the 115-volt line. Anything that is plugged into the outlet starts getting juice. The outlet is an ordinary flush-type unit.

Making chassis safe. Both transmitter and receiver use a transformerless circuit with the ground return connected to one side of the 115-volt line. Ordinarily this results in a "hot chassis," but there are three





PARTS FOR THE RECEIVER

Coil and two trimmer condensers (L and C1, C2) from 1k transformer (see text and parts list at left).
8-mfd., 150-volt electrolytic condenser.
15,000-ohm, 1/2-watt carbon resistor.

10,000-ohm 1/2-watt carbon resistor
680-ohm, 1/2-watt carbon resistor.
115-volt AC relay, SPST normally open, or ST DT (Guardian No. 18150; Advance No. K1504; Pottier & Brumfield No. MR 1A or MR 5A or equivalent).

Flush-mounting appliance outlet OA4G tube and octal socket
Double fuse holder and two 1/2-ampere fuses
Line cord and plug
8" by 3" wooden file box
Terminal strip, chassis, miscellaneous hardware

things you can do to eliminate any possible hazard:

1. "Float" the chassis. Connect all common or ground leads with insulated wire and do not bring them into electrical contact with the chassis. Note that the diagrams do not show any chassis grounds.

2. Fuse the line. A double fuse holder is shown in both circuits. Fuses of 1/2-ampere rating will open up fast in the event of any accidental short. The fuses do not affect the relay points or appliance outlet. The amount of juice you can draw for appliances is limited only by the current-handling capacity of the relay contacts.

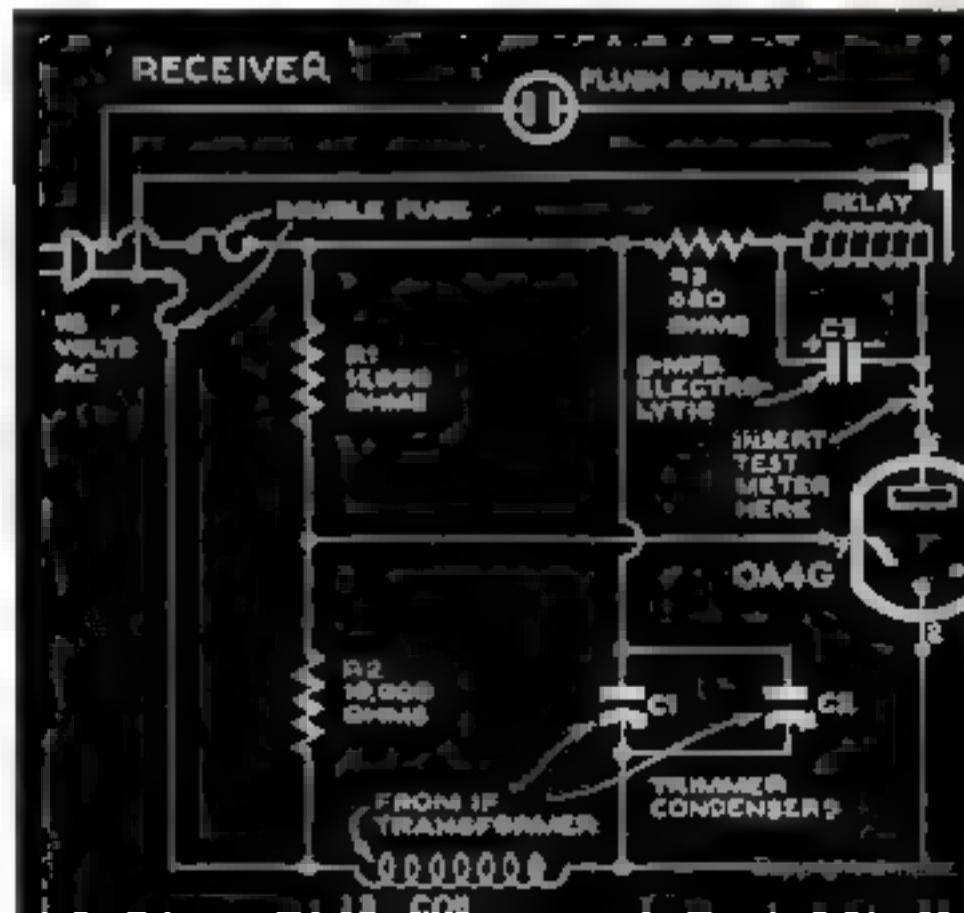
3. Insulate the boxes. Use wood or plastic, not metal containers. Recess the screws that hold the chassis to the box and coat the screw heads with cellulose cement.

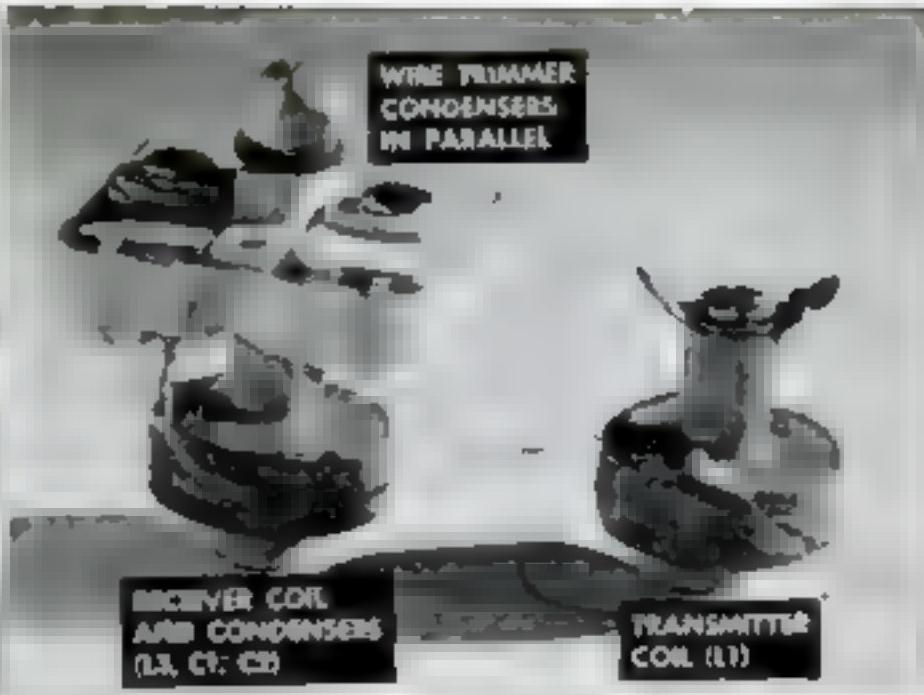
Any of these dodges gives pretty sure protection. All three together make the electronic messenger about as safe as an insurance policy.

Testing and aligning. When you have both units fully wired, turn on the transmitter. The pilot lamp will light up brightly and the tube will glow dully. Break the circuit at the point marked X in the diagram and insert a milliammeter of about zero to

50 range (plus side to rectifier). It should read between eight and 11 milliamperes. If it goes higher or lower recheck the wiring and try a new 3S4 tube.

Next insert the meter at X in the receiver. The needle should jump to about 20 when the transmitter is turned on, but it probably won't until you have tuned the receiver to the transmitter frequency. Do this by adjusting the trimmer condensers. Turn either one of the two trimmer screws all the way in and then play with the other till you get the highest current reading. If the meter shows more than 25 milliamperes, increase the re-





A TRANSFORMER cut in two provides a coil for the transmitter and a coil and two trimmer condensers for the receiver. Since they come from a single unit, the sending and receiving coils are sure to match. The unit shown is a 175-ke. IF output transformer with a center-tapped coil. It is sometimes called a "push-pull" type. A transformer made for 262-ke. intermediate frequency could also be used.

sistance of R3; if less than 20, reduce R3. Excessive current may damage the tube; too little won't let it fire reliably.

Remove the meter and make the rest of the adjustments by eye and ear. When you close the transmitter switch, the receiver tube should fire. A blue-purple glow inside the tube shows when this is happening. If the tube doesn't fire, your line voltage may be lower than normal. You can compensate for this by decreasing R1 to about 12,000 ohms. If the tube fires but the relay is sluggish, adjust the spring or armature.

Add extra receivers. One transmitter will operate any number of receivers, but if they are all made exactly alike they will go on and off together. If you would like to work several receivers selectively, change transmitter C1 to 100 micromicrofarads and add extra condensers and switches as shown at the lower left of the transmitter diagram.

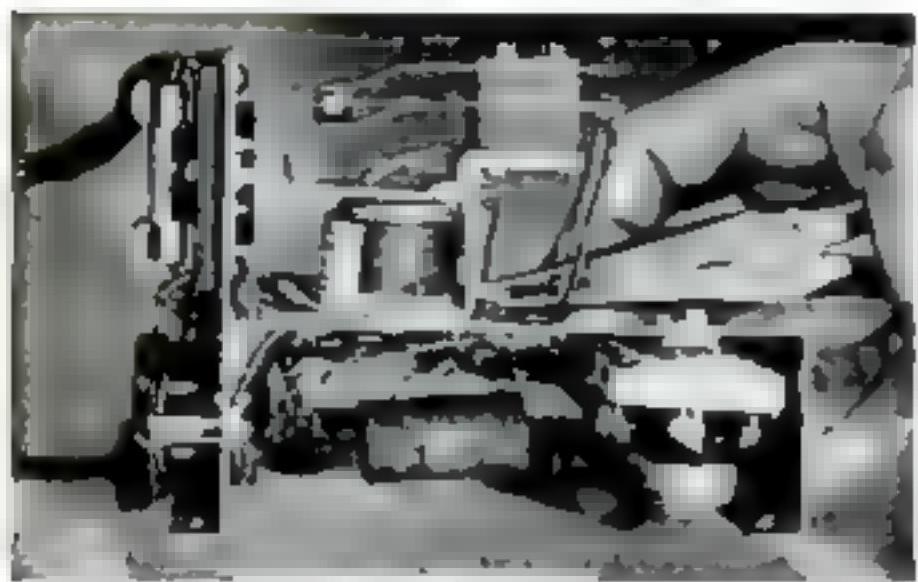
For each extra receiver add a double-pole

single-throw switch at the transmitter. Each switch closes the power circuit and connects its own condenser across the tuning coil, thus providing a different frequency.

Tune each receiver to respond to only one transmitter frequency. If adjusting the trimmers will not accomplish this, add fixed mica condensers (100 micromicrofarads each) in parallel with the trimmers until it will. If you use multiple receivers, close only one transmitter switch at a time.

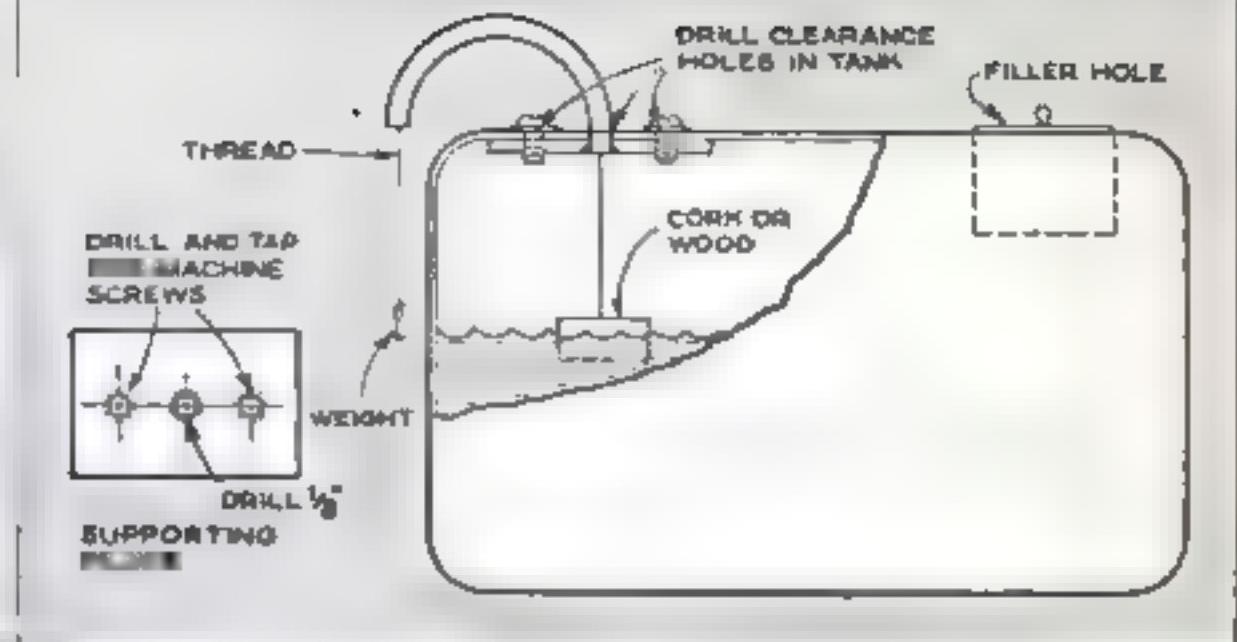
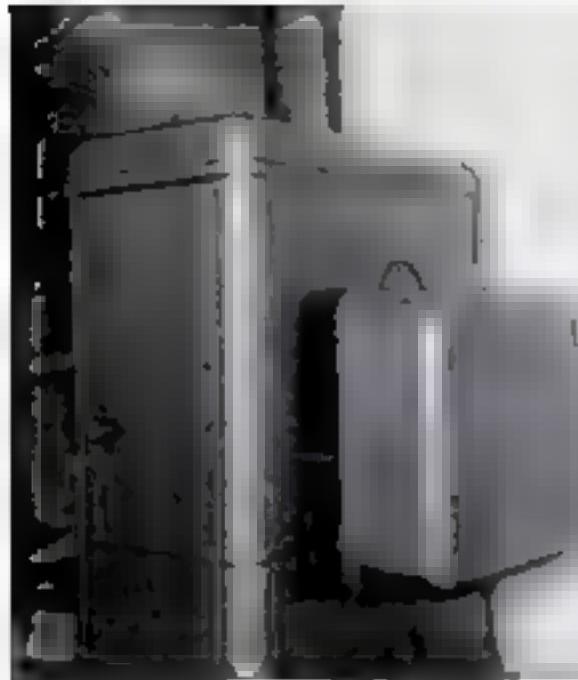
Like other carrier-current rigs, these units will not bridge the two sides of a three-wire supply. If your house has a 230-volt, three-wire supply system, you will have to locate the transmitter and receiver so they share the same side of the line. On the other hand, the signal will travel back along a conventional 115-volt, two-wire line until intercepted by the pole transformer. This means that in many cases you can send or receive between neighboring houses.

END



THE RELAY may have to be adjusted slightly for proper operation. If it doesn't close reliably when energized, reduce the tension of the spring and bend the armature closer to the magnet coil and the contact arms closer together. The relay should close an instant after the OA4G tube begins to glow.

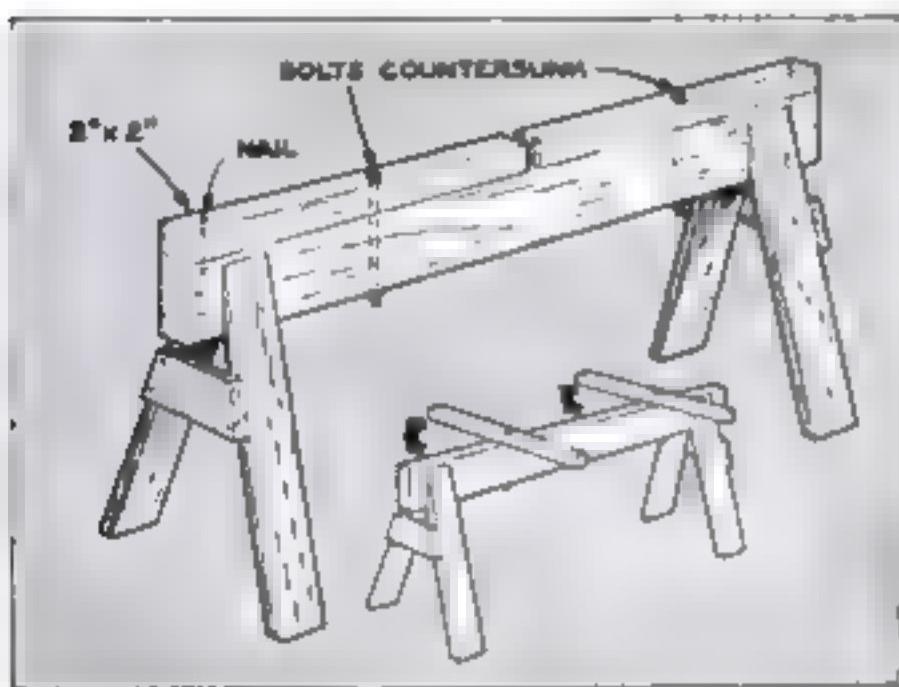
Many different relays will work in this circuit. The unit you buy should have a 115-volt AC coil and a DC resistance between 500 and 1,000 ohms. Be sure it has heavy-duty contacts because all current drawn by any appliance it controls flows through the relay points.



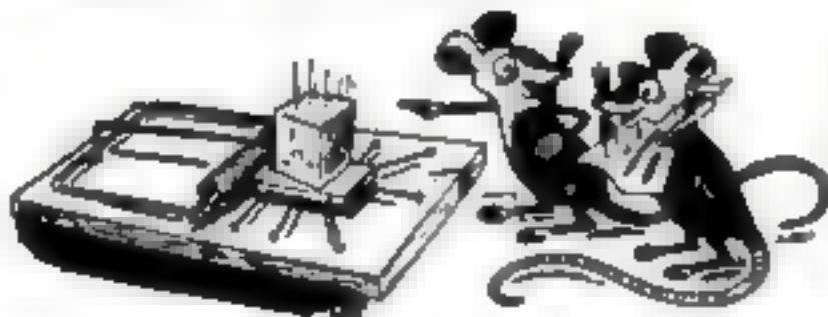
Gauge Shows Kerosene Level

TIRED of stabbing a ruler into a heater tank to measure the kerosene level? This indicator tells at a glance when to fill 'er up.

Bend a length of $\frac{1}{8}$ " copper tubing and



My Most Ingenious Solution



The mice in our house mistook the traps I set for free-lunch stands. When I got tired of feeding them bait, I dreamed up a better way to hair-trigger the traps. Now the snapper beats Mr. Mouse to the cheese.

I stuck straight pins in the treadle all around the bait hook. The mouse has to step on or move one of the pins in order to reach his last meal.—James E. Ingram, Kansas City, Mo.

solder one end to a pre-drilled supporting plate. Push a few feet of carpet thread through it and tie one end to a small block of wood. Drill three holes in the tank.

Install by reaching in the filler hole and pushing the tube through from inside. After determining the length needed to indicate "full" and "empty," tie a light washer to the free end of the thread.

The gauge could also be installed on the filler cap.—D. Synette, Longueuil Annex, Que.

Sawhorse Holds Wide Work

ONE sawhorse will support wide work if you fasten two pivoting arms on the top (left). When not in use, the arms can be swung parallel to the top and held by nails dropped through holes in the arms and top.—W. Shields, Bloomington, Ill.

Hardboard Faces Plywood



THE hardboard outer faces of the new type of panel above provide smooth, easily painted surfaces, while the plywood core gives it strength and rigidity.

Called Plyron, it is made in 4' by 8' panels $\frac{1}{8}$ " and $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick. It is being used for concrete forms, flooring, cabinet doors and table tops. At present it is used almost exclusively in industry but is expected to be available at retail lumberyards in the near future.



How a Pro Covers a Cornice



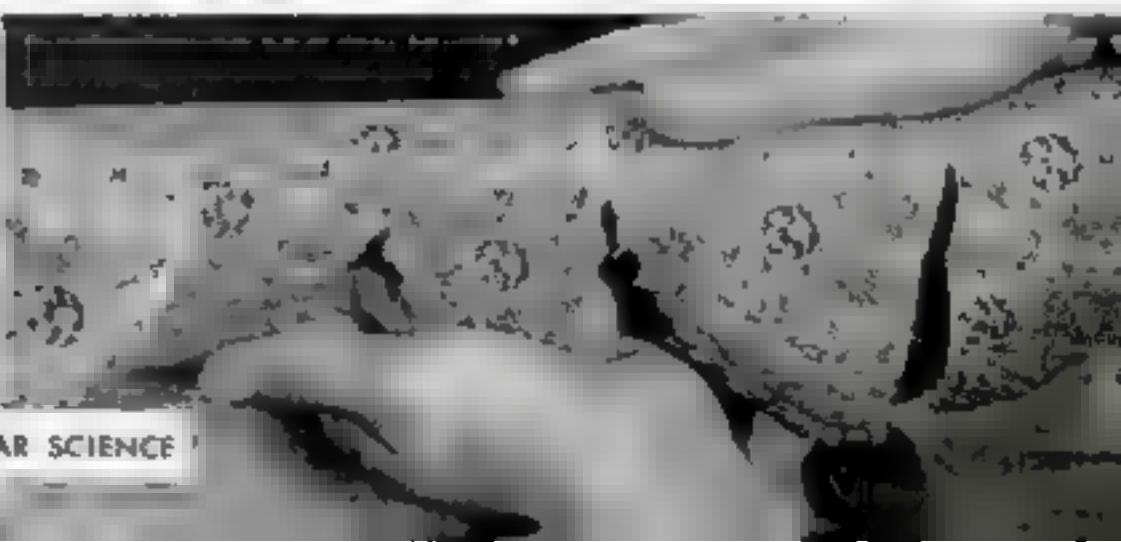
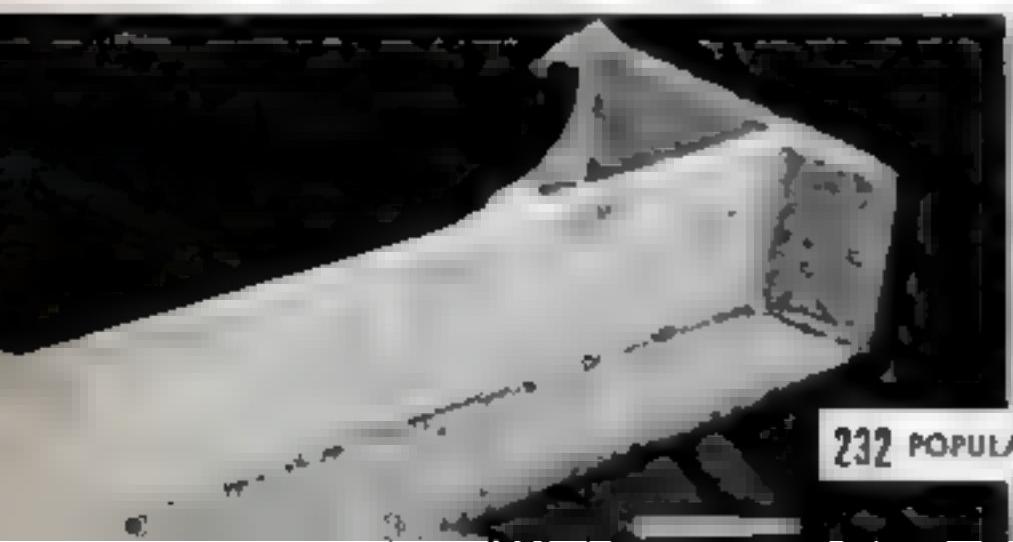
1 MATERIALS AND TOOLS needed to cover cornice are shown above. Cotton batting is on floor. Cover fabric—lying across cornice—can be plain or quilted. Use No. 6 tacks.



2 COTTON BATTING is lined up with top edge, tucked, and trimmed to fit sawed design. Use two layers of batting. Hold it with left hand and pull up and out with other hand.

5 BOTH RETURNS have been fully tacked and fabric turned over top and tacked to back. This forms firm edge to pull against when stretching fabric over design in bottom.

6 COVER FABRIC is roaxed over design by stroking it with one hand while pulling with other. Sit fabric up to cornice at all valleys in the design along bottom edge.



Nothing to it when you follow these simple rules. The tools you need are hammer, saw and pair of scissors.

By Paul F. Illes

ALMOST every day people drop into my upholstery shop and ask about cornices. How do you make them? How do you cover them? Is it a tough job? Do I need a lot of tools?

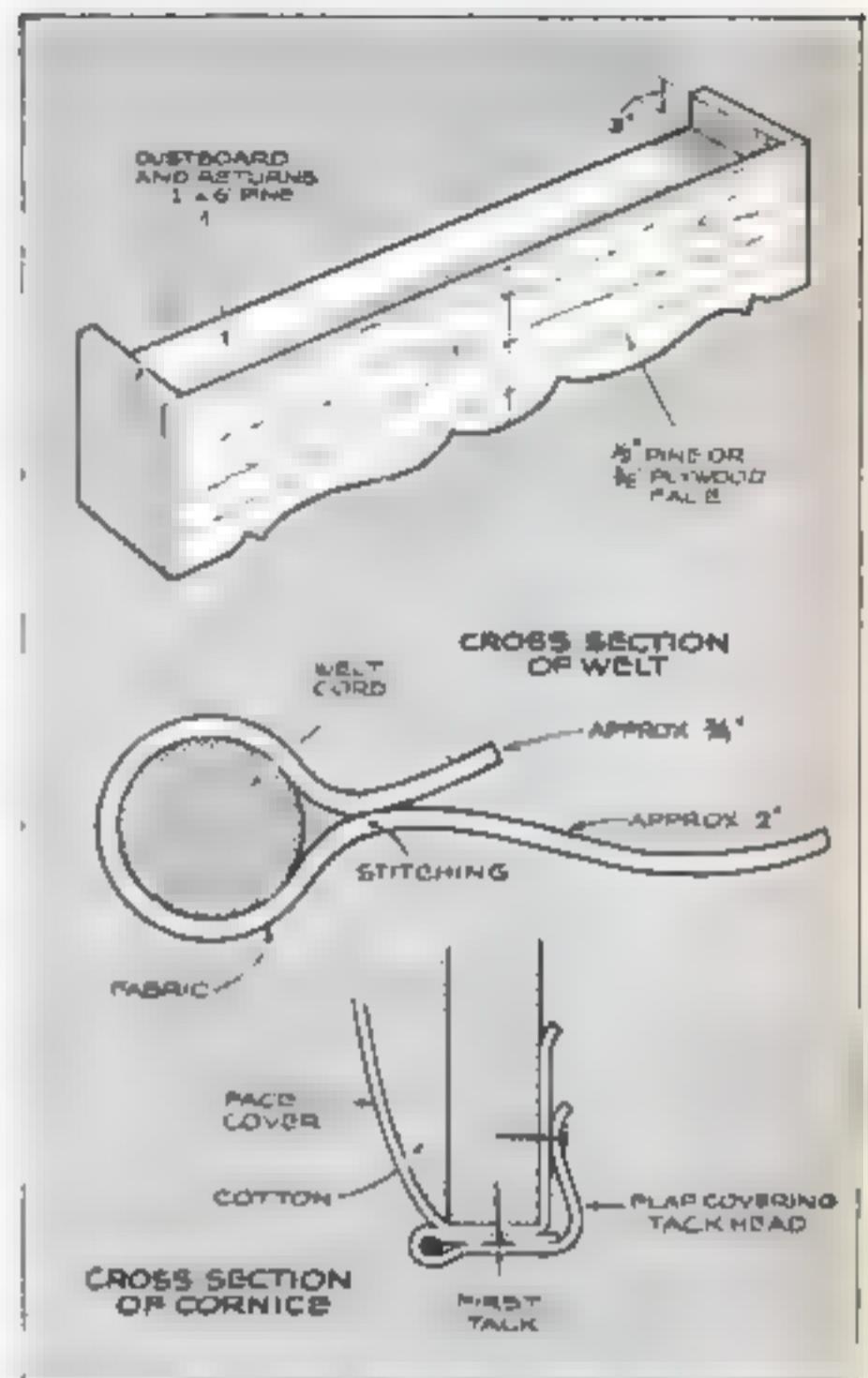
The answer to the last two questions is a big "No." The answers to the first two questions are detailed on these pages.

Sometimes "cornice" is confused with "valance." In the upholstery trade, a valance is a short drape across the top of a window. A cornice is a box with a painted or upholstered face.

An assembled cornice is shown at left. You can build one like it with a little lumber, a hammer and a coping saw or jigsaw.

Start the covering operation by putting on the batting. From there the photos take you step by step to the finished job. When you cut out the cover fabric, leave a 2" to 3" lap all around.

Most professional upholsterers line the cornices they make. If you want to line yours, use sateen or any light material. EXP



3 COVER FABRIC is partially tucked to one return. It has been pulled up over top of cornice so pattern can be checked to see that it is lined up with the top of cornice.



4 FULLY TACKED to one return, cover fabric is pulled tight. Pulling fabric takes out most of the wrinkles. Hold it tightly while you tack it to the second return.

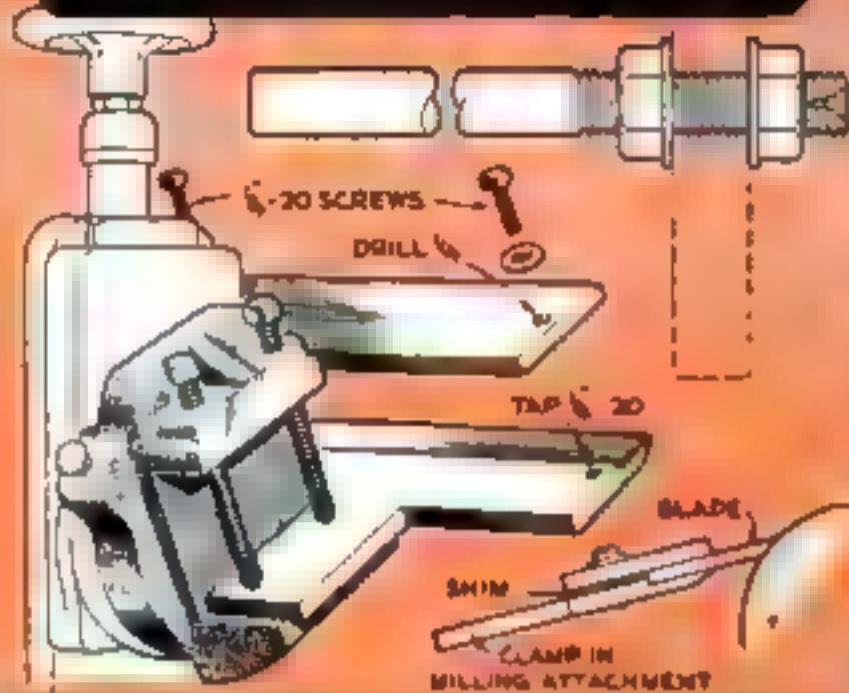


7 BEFORE TACKING, cover fabric is pulled tightly into valleys. Cut V-shaped notches and retack until smooth. If you have no magnetic hammer, start tacks with thumb.



8 WELT IS PUT ON with blind tacking. Short flap is tacked to cornice edge. Then long flap is pulled over short flap, tacked inside. Welt can be bought or made from fabric.

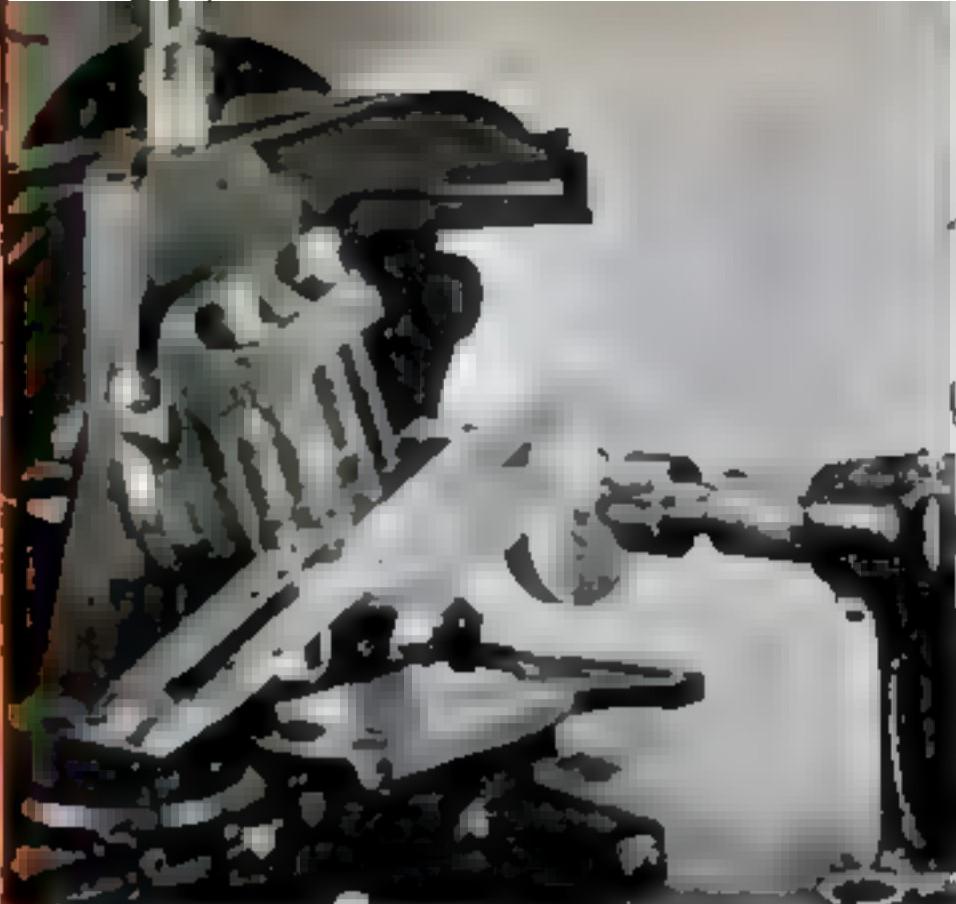
New Shop Ideas



Lathe Sharpens Tools. A perfect hollow-ground edge, at any specified angle, can be produced on plane irons, jointer cutters and wood chisels with this lathe setup.

A 4" grinding wheel is permanently mounted on a $\frac{1}{2}$ " shaft about 10" long and trued up in the lathe with a diamond-point dressing tool. Once set up, the shaft may be removed and replaced in the lathe without further truing. A $\frac{1}{2}$ " collet is best to hold the head end of the shaft, while the tail end is steadied by the tailstock center. Use a ball-bearing center if you have one.

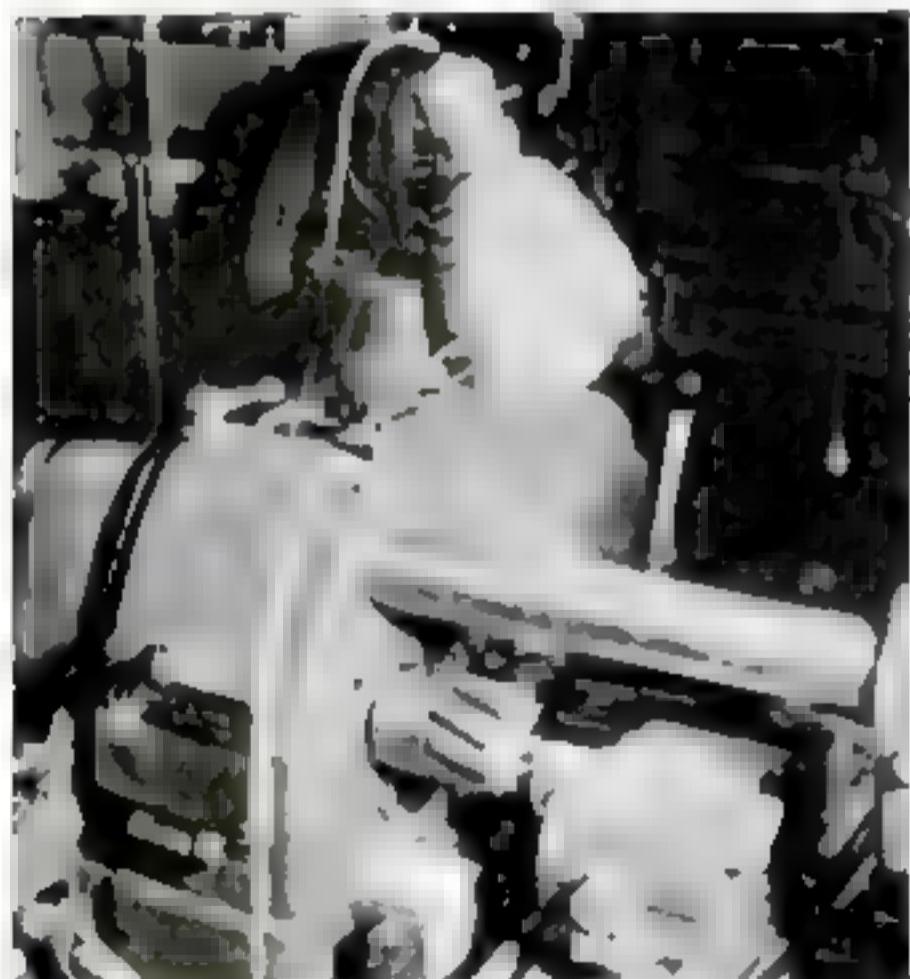
The blade is clamped in a milling attachment between two slabs of metal or



hardwood, tilted to the desired angle and accurately guided across the grinding wheel by slow movement of the lathe carriage. Between passes, advance the cross slide no more than half a thousandth and wipe the blade edge with a wet rag to keep it cool. Cover the lathe bed with a cloth or paper to protect it from grit.

Long irons, up to a 12" planer blade, can be securely clamped in the T-shaped holding jig illustrated. Rack the carriage back and forth a few times to be sure the blade is properly aligned and making contact with the grinding wheel at both ends.

—H. L. Truchelut, Atlanta.



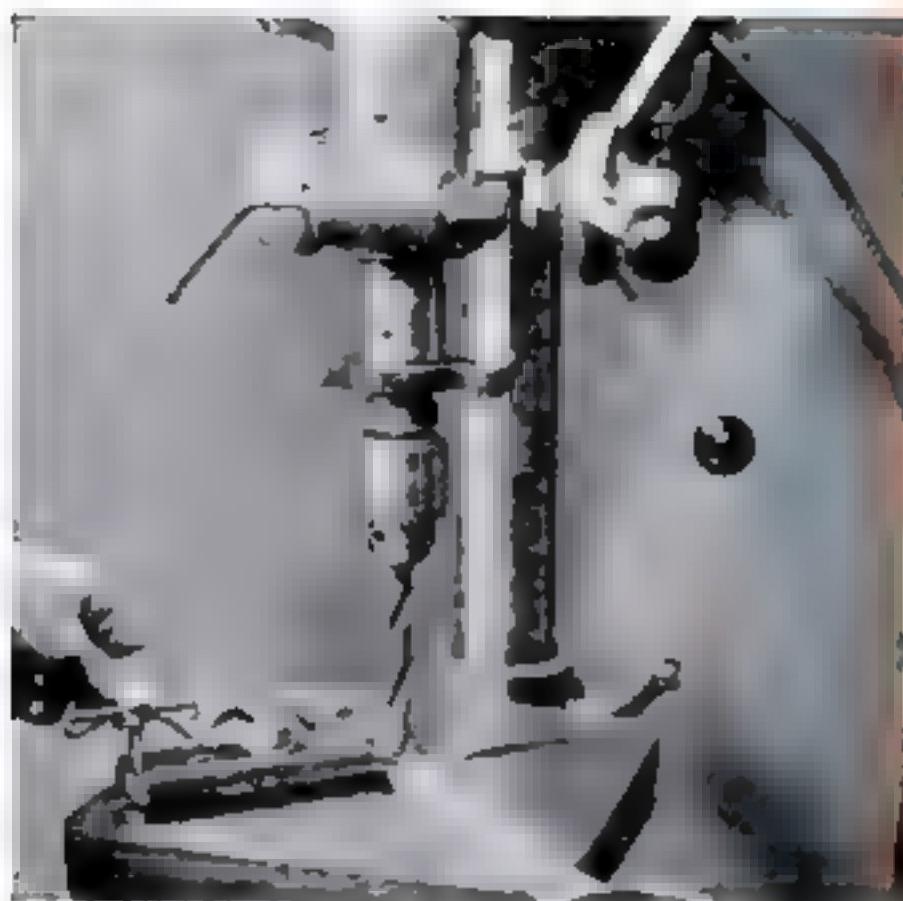
Light Where You Want It. An inexpensive bed lamp serves as a small spotlight for use on power tools, focusing light right on the point of action. The swivel-joint spring clamp can be quickly attached to a convenient part of the machine.



Plastic Lens Mount.

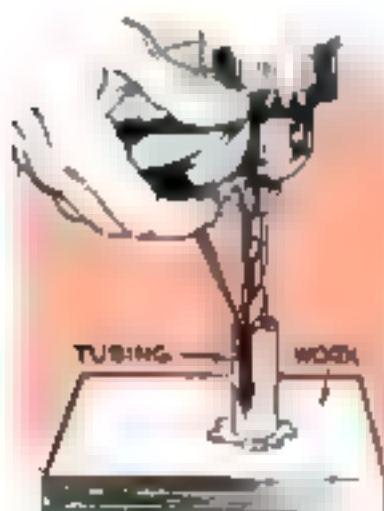
A set of two or three matched but unmounted lenses, giving a magnification of about 10 times, can be mounted in this Lucite stand to become a useful shop accessory for fine layout work, inspecting small parts and reading rules graduated to sixtieths.

The lens barrel is bored from $1\frac{1}{4}$ " rod with a knurled shoulder for easy focusing. Lenses are set on retainer rings cemented in place. (Spacing recommendations are usually provided with lens sets.) The base, also $1\frac{1}{4}$ " rod, is bored to a tight fit over the lens barrel. An opening is cut in the side of the base to admit light. A vertical slot is cut above this opening to permit the base to spring open slightly when the barrel is inserted.—Floyd McGuckin, Ridgewood, N. J.



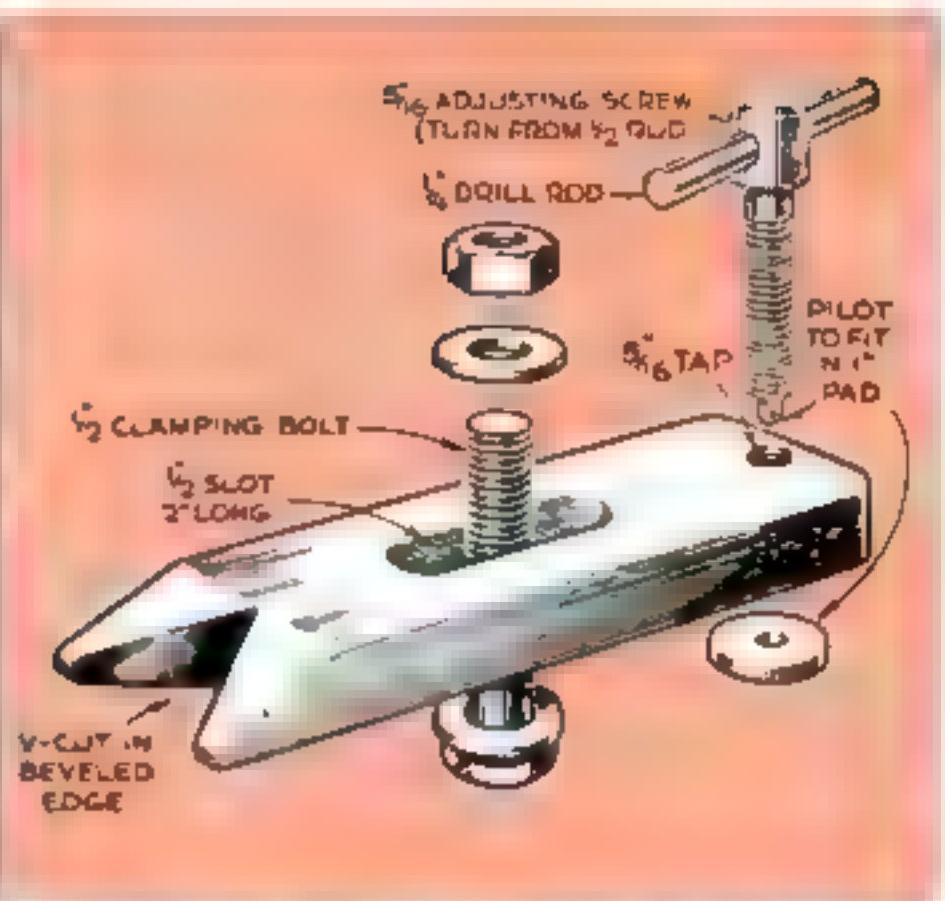
Quick-Set Clamp. Faster to set up than a C clamp, which is often clumsy or too short, this efficient drill-press clamp is patterned after the hold-downs used on slotted machine tables. Make it up from a 5" piece

Emery Cloth Tears One Way. Because of its weave, emery cloth will tear evenly the long way only. Ripped across its width, a sheet will have two buckled and ragged edges that continue fraying with use.—*H. L. Engstrom, Seattle.*

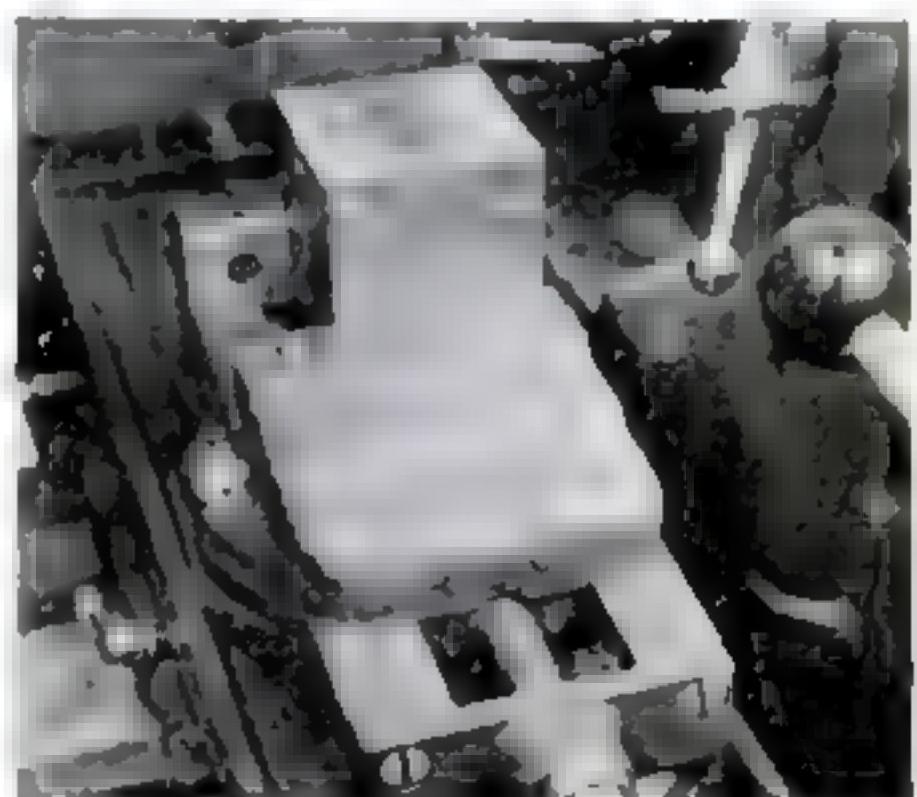


Tube Holds Oil. Dry drilling often shortens drill life, and even when a coolant is provided, it may be thrown off before it reaches the cutting lips. For your tough drilling jobs, slip a bit of loose-fitting neoprene tubing over the drill. Squirt oil into the tubing, which will take it right where it can do the most good. Lift the sleeve frequently to clear out chips, add more oil and continue drilling.—*W. Shields, Bloomington, Ill.*

Razor-Blade Shim. Needing a shim to make an oversize pulley bore fit a shaft, I tried a double-edged razor blade. After heating it to draw the temper, I bent it around the shaft, and it served nicely. Razor blades vary a bit in thickness, so by trial you may find one that's just right.—*Leo Merkel, Lucoa, N. D.*



of $\frac{3}{8}$ " cold-rolled steel $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. The V at its holding end grips the work securely and allows clearance for the drill. To use, adjust height with T screw and tighten nut with wrench.—*Joseph Tracy, New York City.*



Vise Rule Saves Time. A section of a broken machinist's rule, attached with two small screws to one jaw of a miller or shaper vise, will speed setups for roughing operations. It can be used to provide a reference mark when work must be reversed or repositioned for additional machining.—*Will Thomas, Buffalo.*

Drop-Proofing a Lathe Chuck. Here's a way to remove a heavy lathe chuck without dropping it on your fingers or the ways. Loosen the chuck a bit and hold it while you pull the V belt backwards. When the spindle nose unscrews itself, you've got the chuck in your hand.



Engraving with Phonograph Needles

You'll never print a book with this engraving setup, but with practice you can make a few by means of engraving techniques for novices.

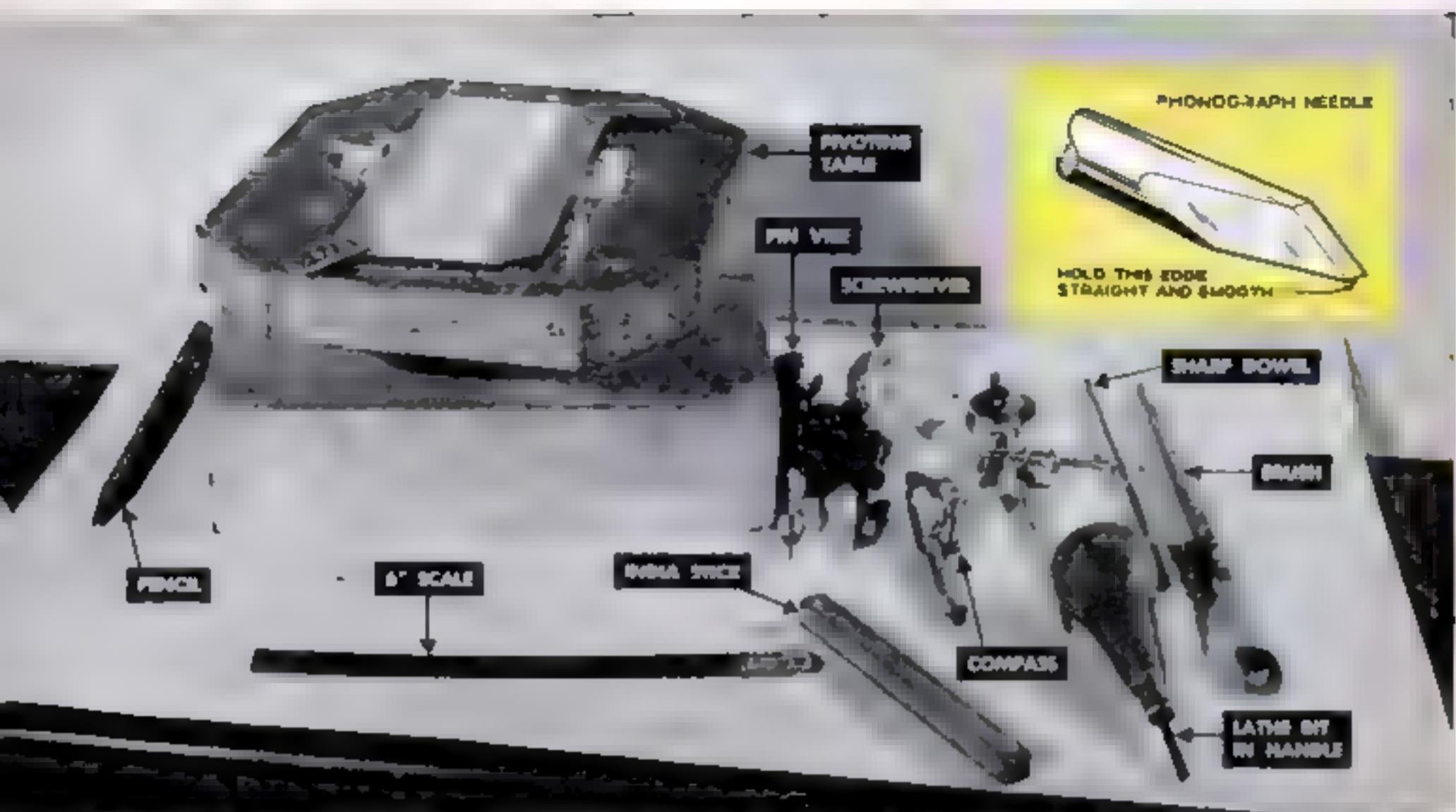
By E. F. Lindley

WHEN you engrave your monogram on a precision tool or cigarette lighter, it is identified as your very own. The letters are cut in deep, without the distorting impact of stamping or the corrosive fumes of etching acid. They cannot be removed without severe and obvious grinding.

Improvised tools. Materials usually found in the home can be made into tools that will get you off to a good start. For example, the pivoting work table can be made from two blocks of scrap wood, the upper half turning on a ball bearing held by a bolt. The pivoting table is important, since it permits the work to be turned as you cut curves. Without it, the wrist must bend on the curves and often gets into awkward positions, encouraging those heart-breaking slips that leave ugly—and permanent—gashes in the work.

Phonograph needles provide a good supply of high-grade steel for the cutting tools. They are held in a pin vise, which fits comfortably in the palm of the hand. For cutting periods, whirls or scrolls, a $3/16$ " lathe bit, ground diagonally to form a diamond point, can be fitted into an undersize hole drilled in a file handle. A medium India stick should be kept at hand to hone the tools occasionally.

Lay out the letters with a pencil, by writing on shoe whitener that is brushed on the work. A short length of $\frac{1}{8}$ " dowel, sharpened to a point, should be used to



TOOLS NEEDED TO GET STARTED. Work is clamped to pivoting table that turns on ball

draw the ruled guide lines (which are later washed away with the whitener), since a hard spot in a graphite pencil might scratch the work. A compass, screwdriver and a 6" flexible rule just about complete the list of tools needed.

Practice on scraps of soft metal, such as brass or aluminum, and then make up simple name plates for toolboxes and start engraving your less expensive tools. You'll soon get the hang of it and feel your control

bearing held by bolt. Phono needle (insert) is ground and honed to polished chisel edge.

of the cutting tool grow. Develop a rolling or twisting motion of the wrist to "walk" the tool through the metal. Each twist of the wrist causes the tool to take a little bite and move ahead a trifle, so keep the tool walking and turn the pivoting table to follow the outline of the letters. Start with simple block letters, saving the script and Old English till you can tackle them with confidence. Complete alphabets, in many letter styles, can be traced from books found in the pub-



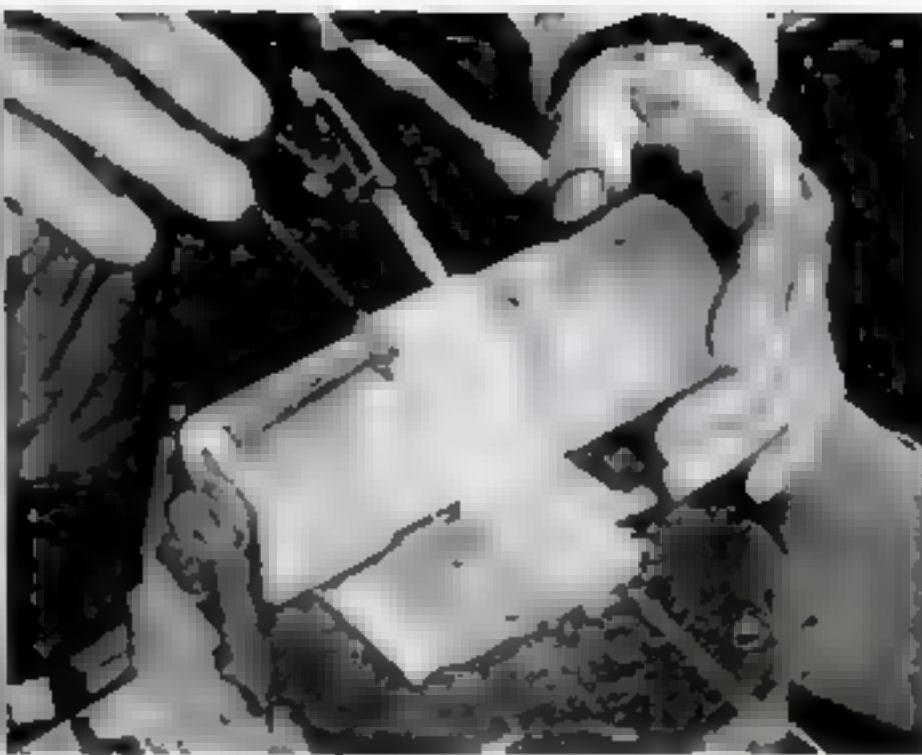
SHOE WHITENER, mixed with small amount of mucilage for adhesion, is applied to work for layout. This is washed off after cutting.



TWIST THE WRIST, rolling it back and forth, to "walk" tool through metal. Tool follows letters penciled in on shoe whitener.



FELT PADDING is used over and under fine work to protect it. With practice you'll be able to place and size letters attractively.



DRUM JIG, wrapped with felt, holds band from a trophy. Small table between the knees positions work nicely.

lic library. Designs for ornamental borders that will neatly frame and set-off a well executed monogram can also be found in books dealing with various styles of printer's type.

Jewelry, compacts, lighters and a host of other such items are welcome recipients of your newly acquired skill. Check the layout carefully; you can't erase a misspelled name or a wrong initial. Avoid cheap jewelry or compacts with a lacquered finish over light

plating. Such items cannot be engraved without cracking off the surface finish.

It's profitable, too. Trophy lettering can be a profitable sideline, or a way to save dollars for your golf or bowling club. Pedestal trophies are usually made with a band of metal that can be readily removed and mounted on a drum jig for engraving. A little extra care is needed when cutting these bands as the needle slips more easily on a curved surface.

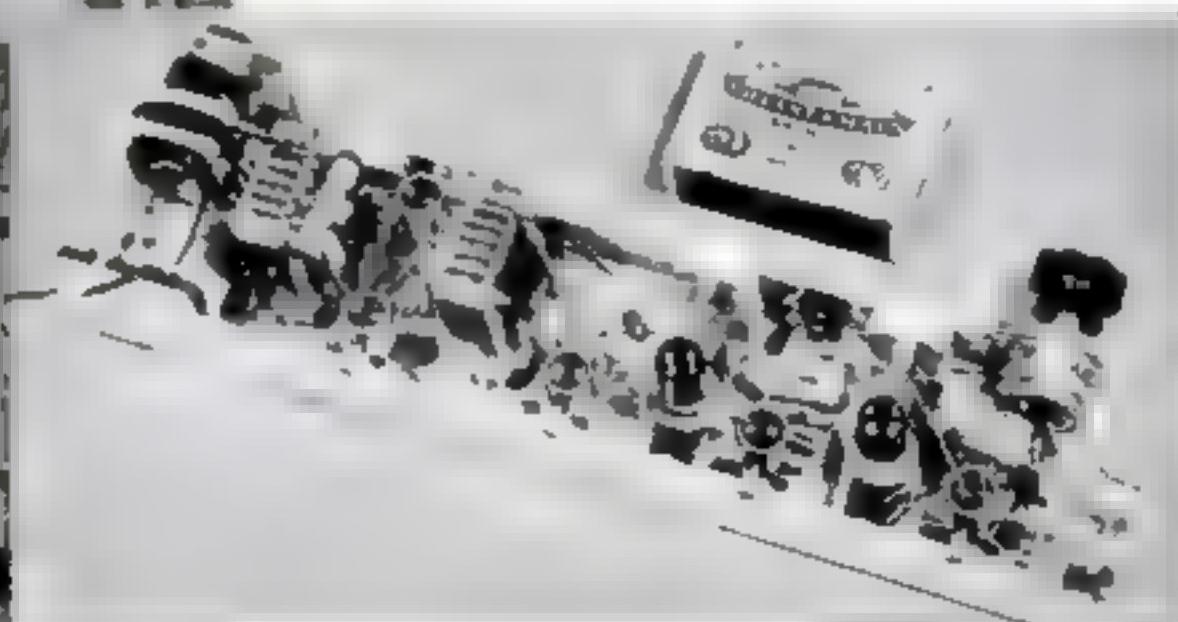
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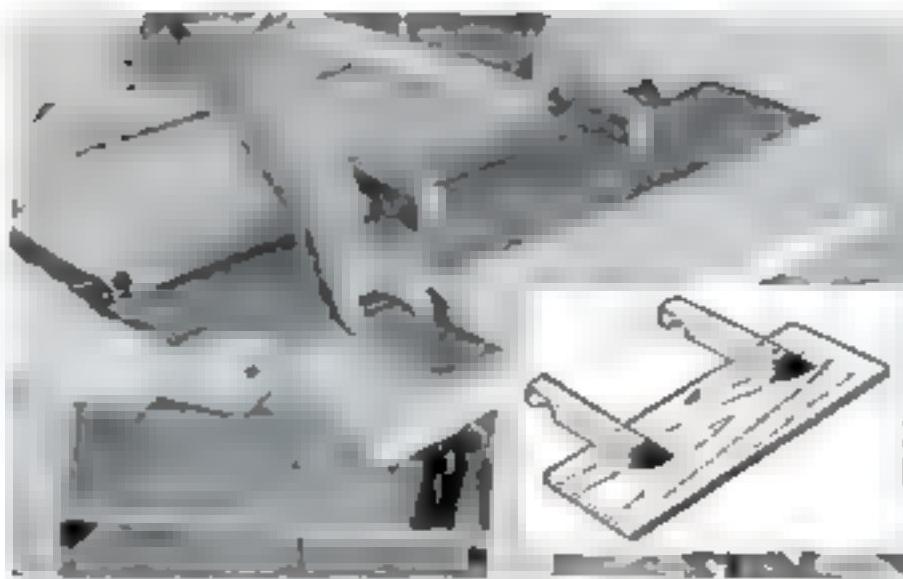
British Radio Exhibit Shows One-Inch Television Tube

A TINY television set and a midget tubeless radio shared the spotlight with large-

screen TV at a recent radio and television exhibition in London. The 1"-screen televiser (left), said to be a working model, is shown with a 21" console, largest direct-view set on display. The tiny receiver is not made commercially.

The small radio below works like an ordinary five-tube set—but it has no tubes. The British General Electric Co. built the experimental receiver around five germanium-crystal triodes, recently developed substitutes for vacuum tubes.





Guide on Pipe Clamp Aids in Trimming Doors

WITH this guide and a portable saw, you can quickly whack the excess length off a new door and get a straight, clean cut.

The guide consists of a squared plywood panel carrying two wooden blocks that drop over a pipe clamp. Make the blocks by bor-

ing a hole the diameter of the pipe in a piece of stock, splitting it down the middle and screwing the two pieces to the plywood. To use, set the clamp so the saw, its side pressed against the plywood, cuts along trim line.—W. G. Waggoner, Sacramento.

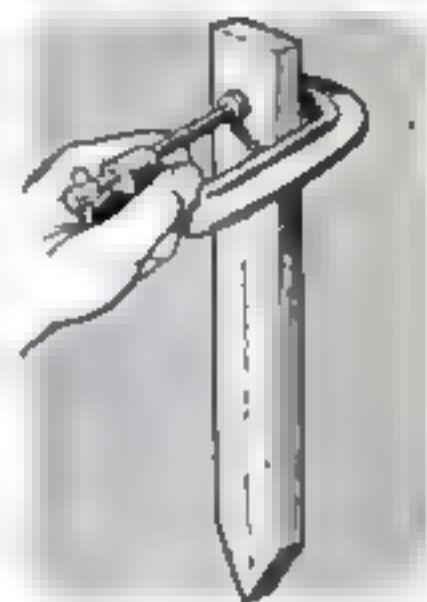
Vise Helps Seal Leaky Oilcan



LICHTER-FLUID or machine-oil cans that leak at the ferrule can be tightened as shown above. Wrap the shank of the cap with one or two turns of light-gauge wire. Anchor one end of the wire in a vise and pull the opposite end tight, rolling the can one or two turns to get a tight fit.—J. C. Heasley, Corpus Christi.

Clamp Holds Stakes for Driving

WHEN driving a series of stakes along a straight line, they tend to twist under the blows. A large C clamp used as a hand-hold makes it easier to grip them and keep them in the correct alignment.—C. A. Wyneken, Van Nuys, Calif.



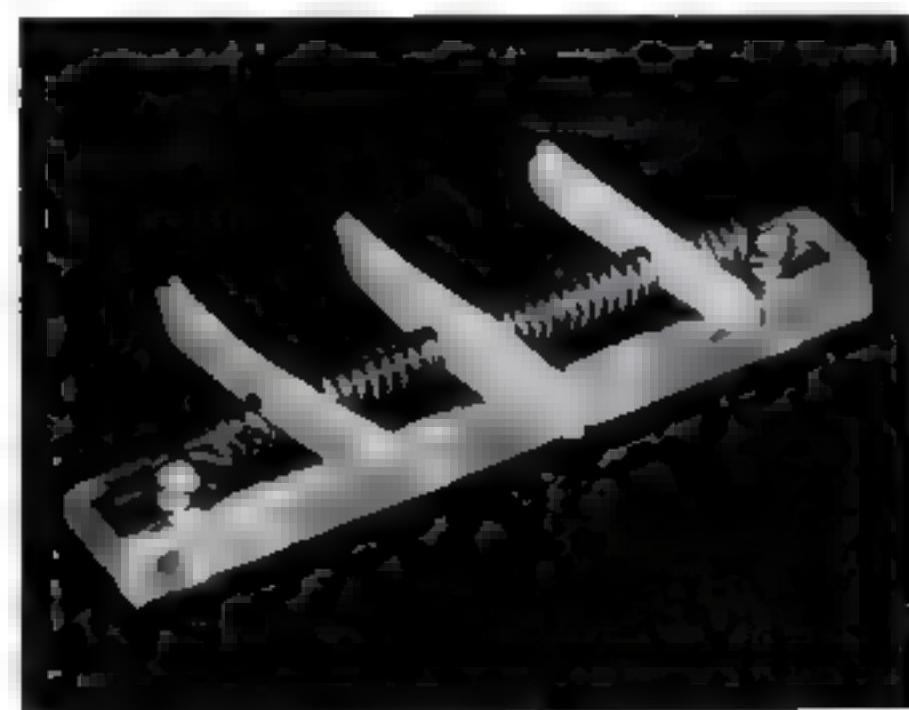
Chisel Nails Don't Split Wood

ORDINARY nails push the fibers aside when driven into wood, often splitting it. For wood that splits easily, I hammer the nail tips flat and snip off some of the flattened portion. The resulting chisel-like end, held crosswise to the grain, cuts a path when driven.—Walter E. Burton, Akron.

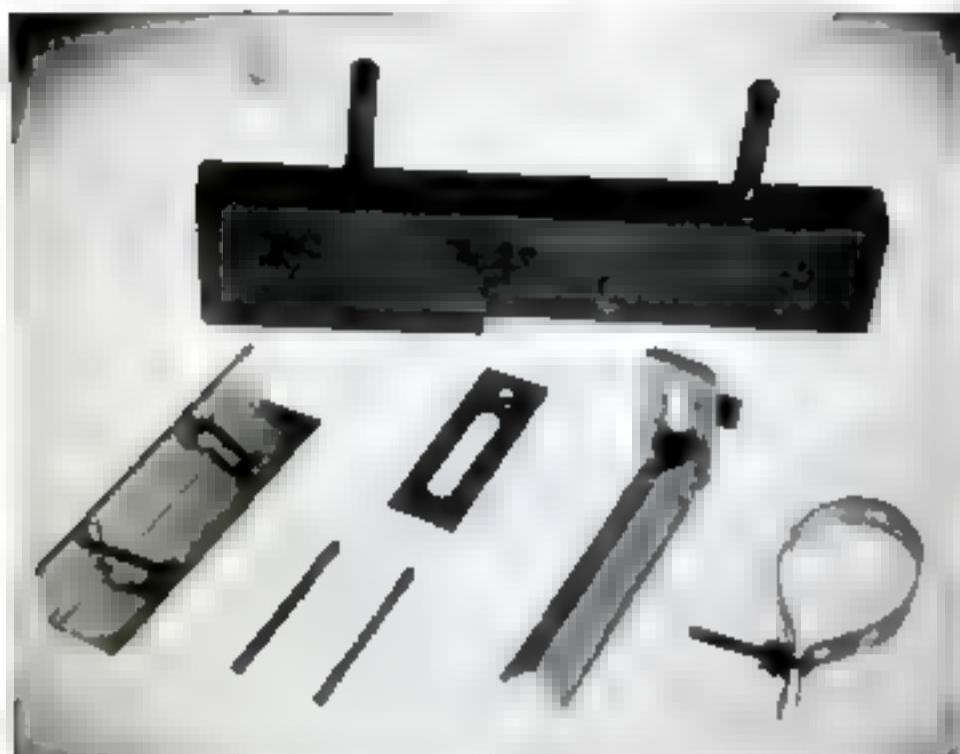


Rack Holds Collar Stays

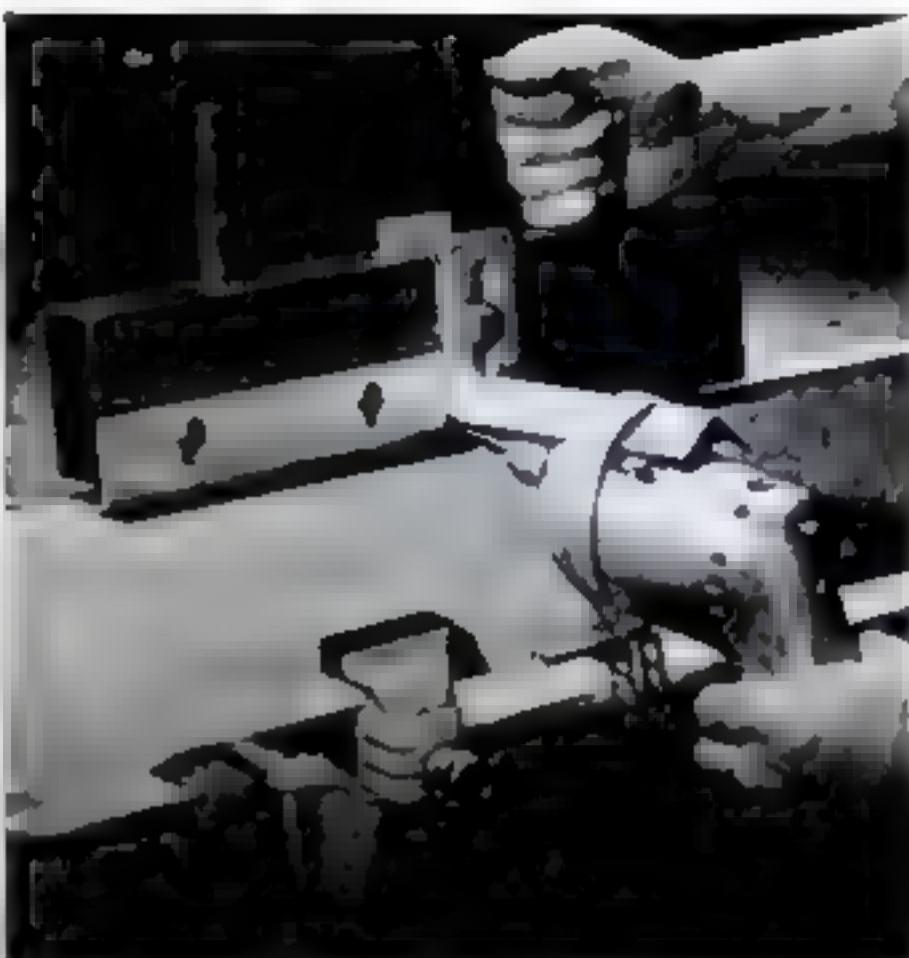
IF you have ever searched frantically for plastic shirt-collar stays when dressing in a hurry, you'll appreciate the holder shown below. The base is a 4" by $\frac{1}{4}$ " by $\frac{1}{8}$ " Lucite bar with the top edges beveled. The small spring coil is attached with machine screws.—John J. Rea, Urbana, Ill.



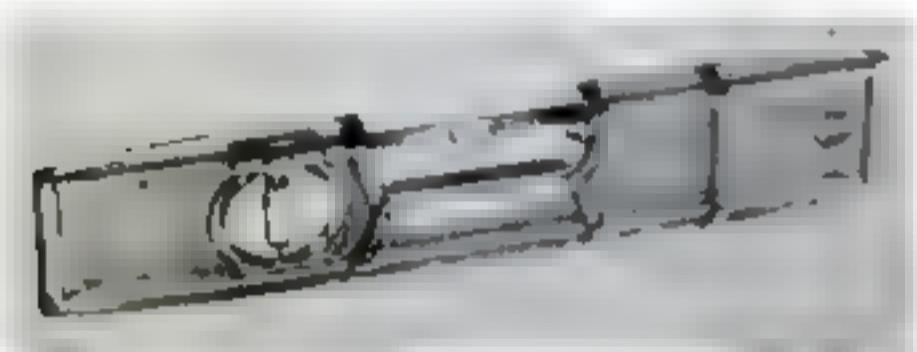
New Tools



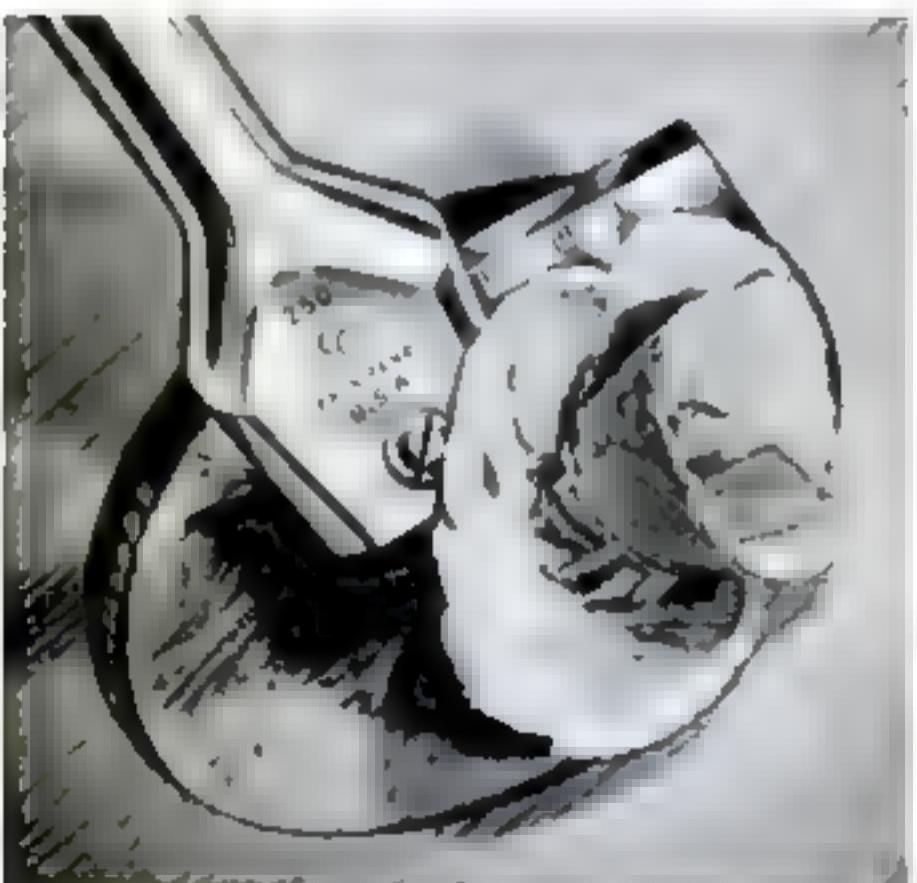
Drill Powers Planing Attachment. The parts shown in the photo at left above can be assembled to make the planing attachment for a $\frac{1}{2}$ " electric drill as shown at right above. The two $\frac{1}{2}$ " cutters—one for rough



planing and the other for smooth—have a 2" cutting surface. You can also rip boards up to 2" in thickness with the attachment. *International Twist Drill Corp., Kansas City, Mo.*

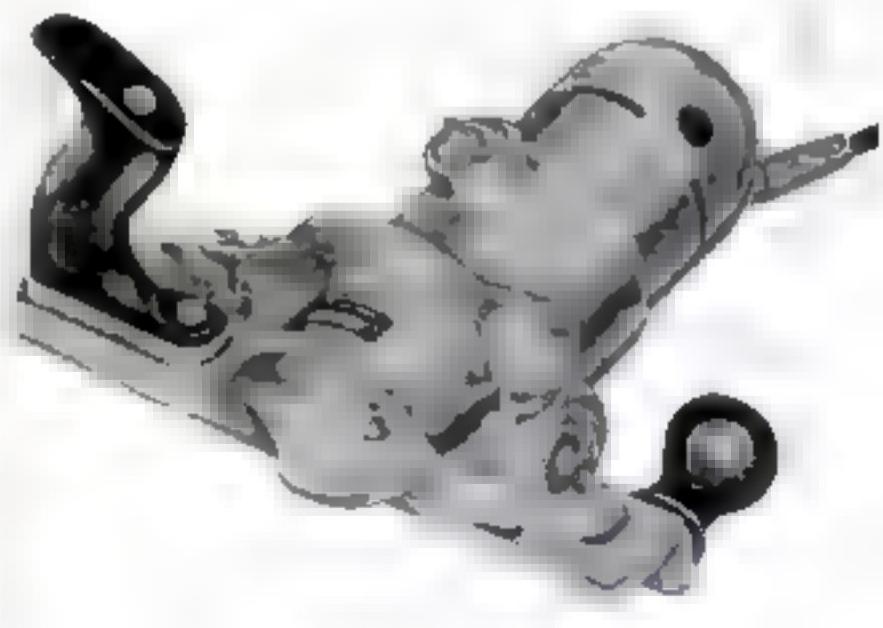


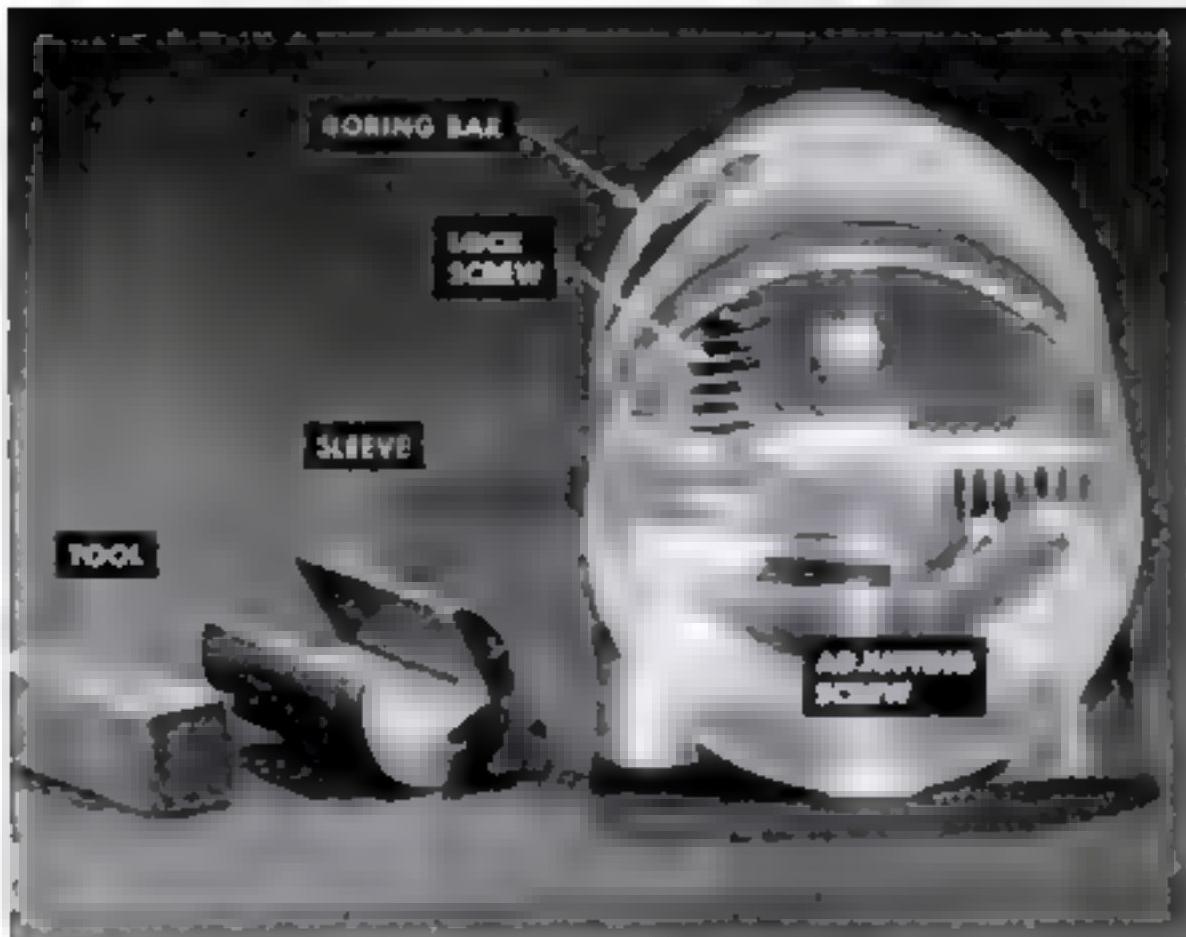
New Expansive Bit. The feature of this bit (below) is the one-piece shank, making adjustments easier. It will cut holes from $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 3" in diameter. *Robert H. Clark Co., Beverly Hills, Calif.*



Plastic Level. You can't break the bubble glass of this level, says the maker—it is embedded in solid Lucite. The frame of the level is another plastic, Tenite. Since the plastics are insulators, the tool is safe to use around electrical wiring. *Creative Plastics Corp., Stony Brook, N. Y.*

Electric Tool Planes, Routs. This electric plane—a kit converts it to a router—cuts up to 1 $13/16$ " wide and bevels both ways. The $\frac{1}{2}$ -hp. motor turns at 18,000 r.p.m., and has a motor ventilating system that also clears the chips away, blowing them down and to the rear, away from the cutter and operator. *Stanley Electric Tools, New Britain, Conn.*





Square Tool Fits Round Hole. Tools can quickly be fitted in a boring bar with a round, slotted sleeve. A hole is reamed in the boring bar (modeled in plastic at left) for the depth of the tool. The sleeve is inserted and excess length cut off. Two holes for setscrews are drilled and tapped in the bar. One screw holds the tool, and the other adjusts it. The sleeve can be held by drilling a hole and using a pin, or it can be soft-soldered or brazed in place. Sleeves are made in nine sizes. *Formed Tools Co., Novi, Mich.*

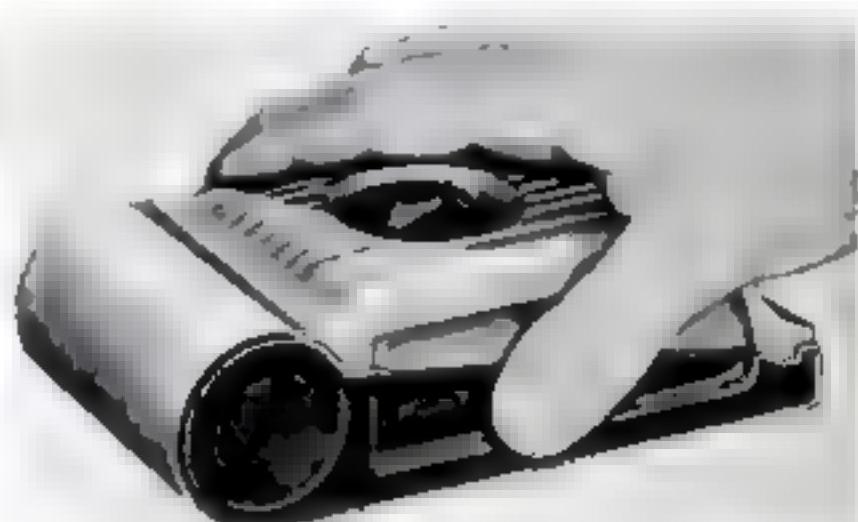
Production-Type Drills for Home Use.

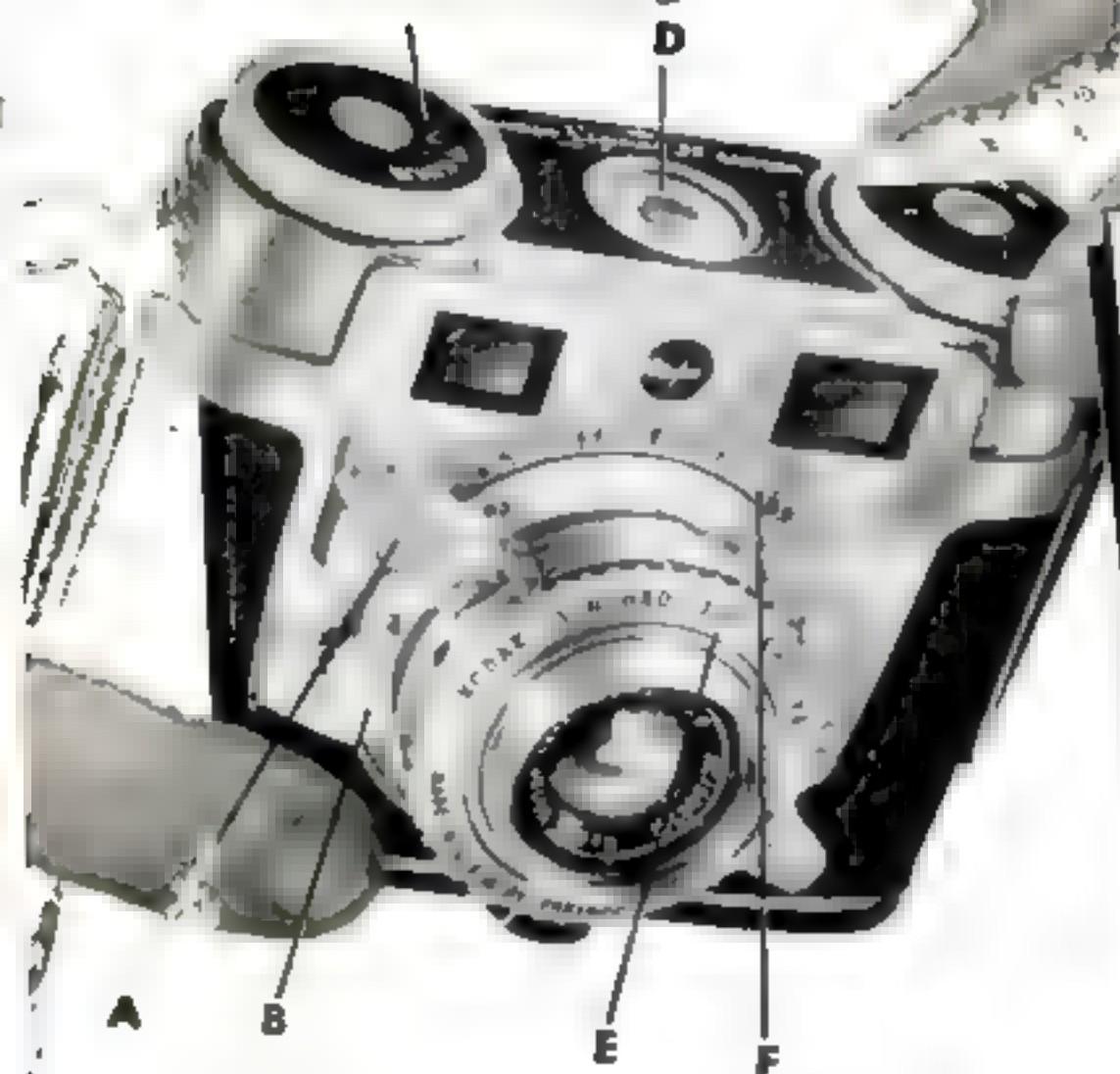
High-speed drills like these, usually found only in industrial plants, now are available at hardware stores. The doubled-edged points (inset), known in the aircraft industry as split points, have four cutting edges instead of the usual two, reducing friction and penetrating faster. The points are self-centering and no punch is needed for starting. They are available in sizes from $17/64"$ to $\frac{1}{2}"$ with $\frac{1}{16}"$ shanks. *Century Drill and Tool Works, Chicago.*

Saw Set for Circular Saws. Blades from $6"$ to $10"$ in diameter can be set with this tool (below). The tool-steel anvil is milled to give a set of 10° or more. The farther out over the anvil you move the teeth, the more the set will be. After the blade is adjusted for the amount of set you want, a hammer tap on the setting stake does the job. *A. D. McBurney, Los Angeles.*



Sander Uses Standard-Size Paper. A standard-size sheet of sandpaper can be cut into three strips which fit the plastic hand sander below without waste. No special refills are needed. *Burgess VibraCrafters, Chicago.*



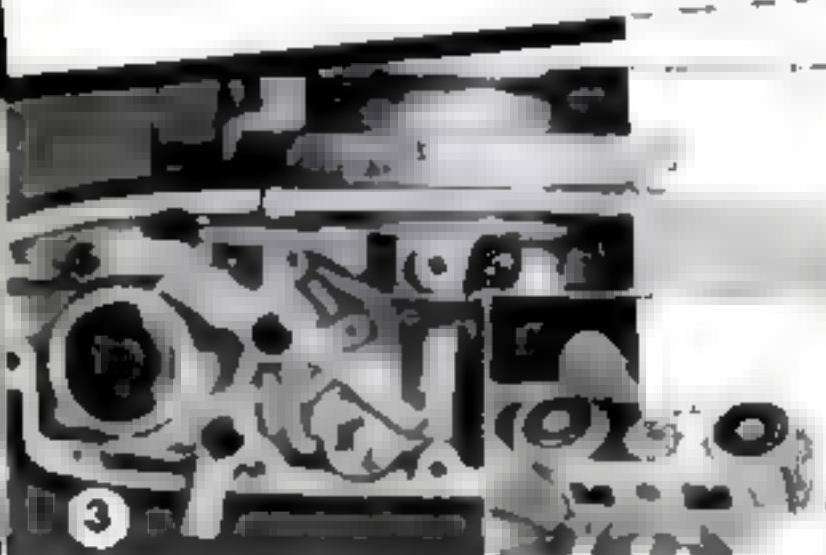


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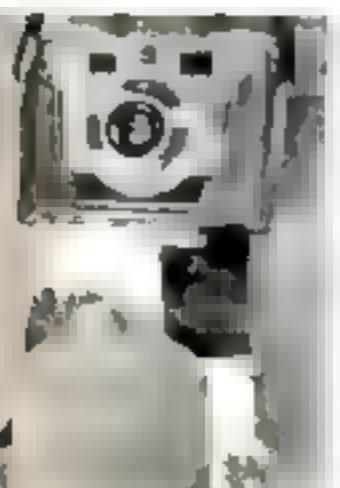


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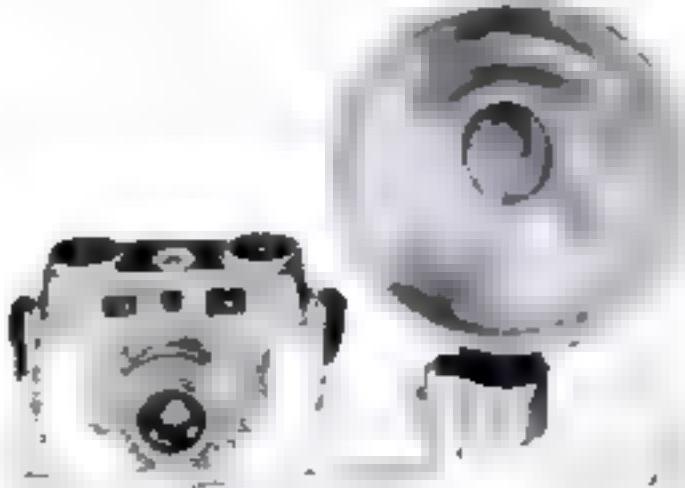
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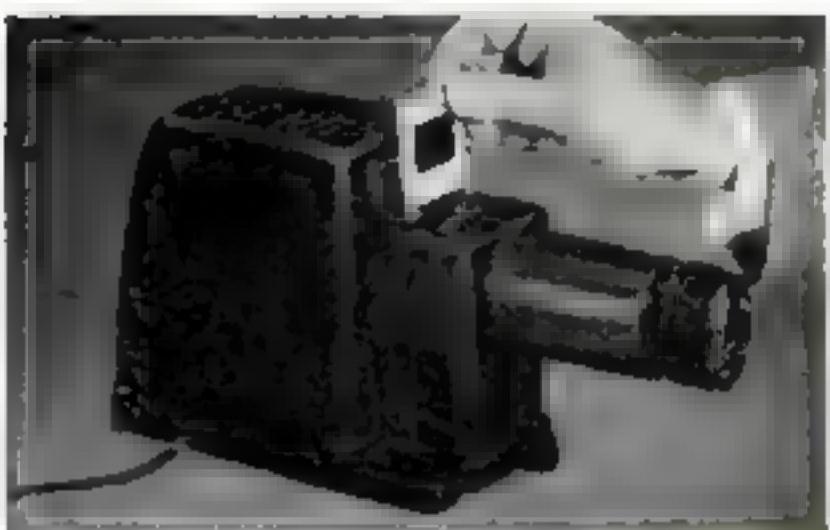
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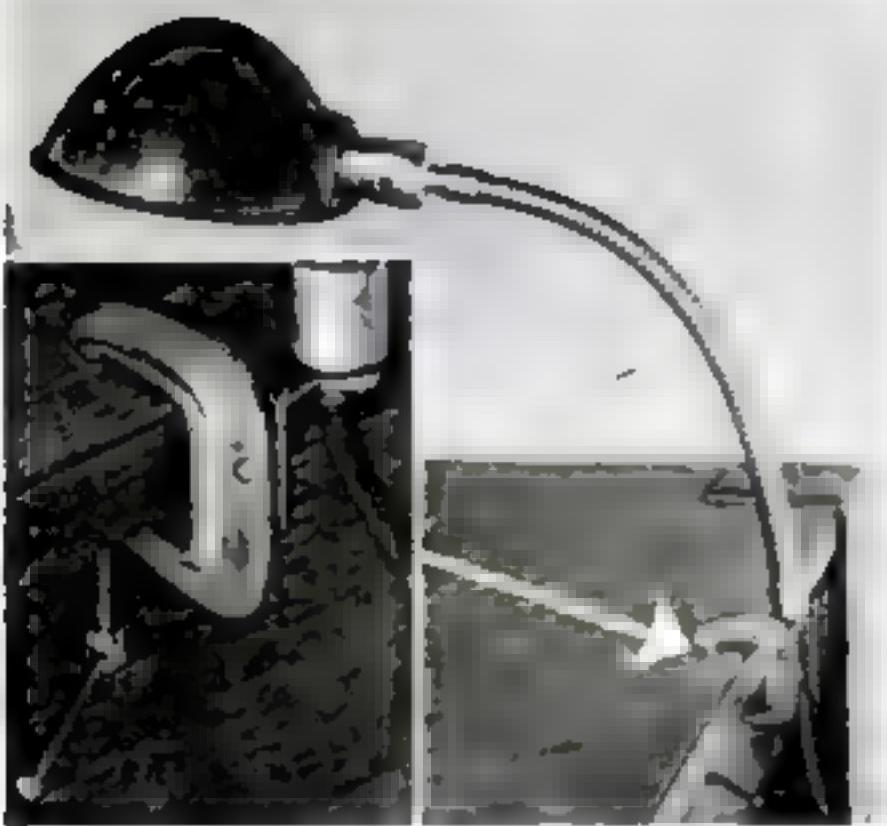
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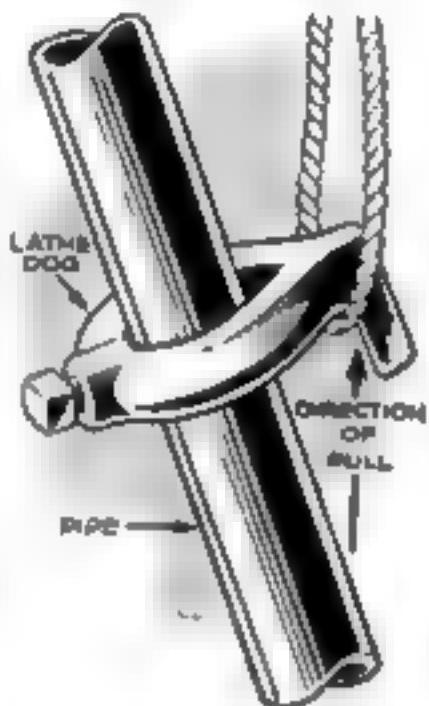


Clamp-On Lamp Lights Any Spot

A DISCARDED gooseneck lamp makes a useful shop light when fastened to a C clamp. Remove the lamp base and replace it with a small angle bracket. Drill a hole in the clamp and bolt it to the bracket as shown.—John J. Rea, Urbana, Ill.

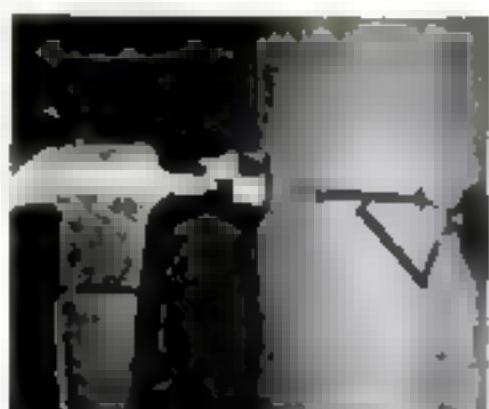
Lathe Dog Helps Handle Pipe

A LATHE dog is a convenient handle for pulling a piece of pipe from the bottom of a stack. It also provides an eye for threading a rope to lift the pipe. If pressure is applied as illustrated, the set-screw on the dog need be only finger tight to hold the pipe.—Hugh Lineback, Stillwater, Okla.



Two Nails Stronger Than One

FOR supporting heavy loads, use two nails, one serving as a diagonal brace for the other. Drive in the first nail at an angle until half of it is embedded in the wood. Place the second nail in an almost horizontal position above it, driving it in until it rests on the lower one. If the top edge of the lower nail head is flattened, alignment is easier.—Walter E. Burton, Akron.



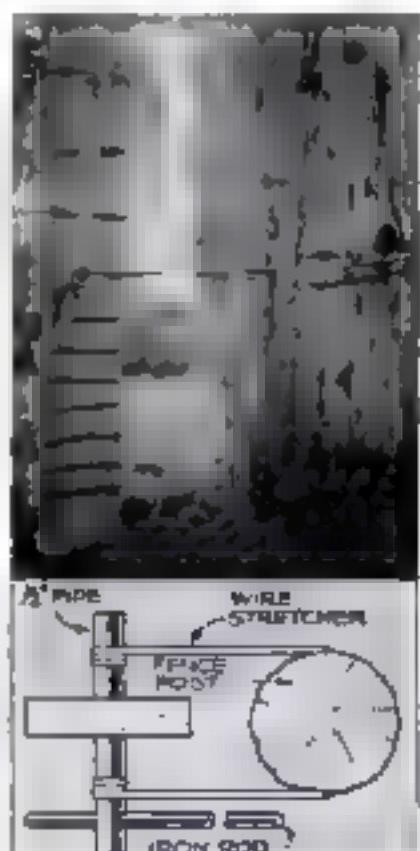
Plaster Mixer Rolls to the Job

THIS homemade plaster mixer, mounted on what was once the front axle of a car, is easily hauled from job to job. Revolving paddles inside the oil drum mix plaster faster than three men can put it on the walls. A $\frac{1}{2}$ -hp. electric motor powers an old car transmission through a 1-to-8 V-belt drive. The drum is mounted on the output shaft of the transmission.

Wire Stretcher Built Into Fence

WITH AN arrangement like this, you can take up slack in a wire fence the same way a musician tightens a violin string.

First fasten the wires to a strong hard-wood board through which a hole is bored to take a piece of $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe 4" long. String a length of heavy wire through the fence post and through holes in the pipe where it emerges on either side of the board. Wrap the ends of the wire around the pipe. Pass an iron rod through a larger hole drilled near one end of the pipe. A turn of the rod takes up any slack in the fence. It is best to have a second wire stretcher near the bottom of the post.—C. A. Veberg, Omaha.





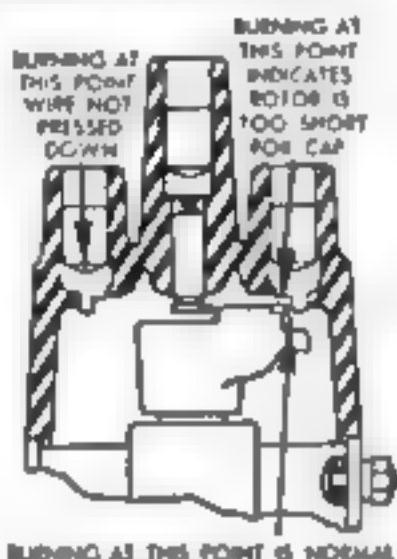


Care and Feeding of Engines

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COLD-WEATHER STARTING

One cause of hard starting in cold weather can be ignition trouble. One cause of ignition trouble can be high resistance in the heavy wire to each spark plug, or from coil tower to distributor cap. A leak or dirty connection can cause a lot of trouble. *First:* Stop engine. Grasp each wire near top of distributor cap and try to force it down. You may feel it slide into place. Out of place, it could have caused hard starting. *Next:* Pull out one wire at a time and see that clip is clean. Look into wire tower with a flashlight; if dirty, clean with abrasive paper on end of a pencil. Replace wire, making sure it is down in the cap. Do this with each wire, even the coil wire. Clean top of distributor with carbon-tetrachloride.



STOP-LIGHT SWITCH

Your stop-light switch can run your battery down. This small hydraulic switch on the brake line is closed by pressure when brakes are applied. Dirt and dust with oil vapor will at times cause a current flow when switch is open. Make sure connections are clean and tight.

When replacing this switch, have the new one ready to install at once, in order to avoid losing brake fluid. Have someone depress brake pedal slightly, to fill fitting as old switch is removed. Install new switch quickly and tightly. Then replace wires. If brakes are then spongy, bleed air from brake line.

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was fast enough and an exceptionally steady ship. It was the kind of a ship in which you could take off your parachute right after you took off the door and then toss them both in a corner. Then, unhampered, you could walk right into the doorway and take movies or color or black-and-white.

This day Lew didn't know his pilot, but he understood he had quite an impressive record and lots of hours. He flew a nice steady ship so Lew's assignment was soon finished. As he snapped the last picture Lew said casually, "Let's get back to the field." The pilot evidently had a date, for the ship flipped over in a 180° turn and the parachute pack, the door and Lew moved for the open doorway in a blanket start. Lew grabbed a brace and the door wedged in back of him, but the parachute made it. Lew found himself, feet dangling in the air, watching the parachute disappear thousands of feet below.

Planes Aren't Built for Photographers

It is a little unusual to take off the parachute. It can't be done in most military airplanes—there's just no place to put it. You sit on it and the straps go around your thighs and over your shoulders. But it's not unusual to loosen the seat straps for greater freedom while taking pictures.

Art Pabst is no small man, and in a flying suit he gets no smaller. "When you see the cockpit of a jet you doubt a shoehorn will ease you into it," he says. "Between your knees is the control stick and you have been warned, 'Mustn't touch.' You loosen the seat straps, lift a camera and twist around at a simulated back shot and the pilot yells. You knocked his stick and if you had been in the air instead of on the nice solid runway, you'd have been in a beautiful dive. So you tighten your straps and tell your pilot you'll behave. He starts his fires and in seconds you are in the midst of a jerking, straining, surging roar that means the engines are being checked with the wheel brakes on. The ship steadies as the roar slackens and you hear the clearance come over the intercom."

"Then you are in motion—roaring. But in slow-motion at first for this is like fluid drive. Suddenly, airborne, the blast slips away from you, you ride on velvet and if you glance out the canopy the hangars are slipping by so fast they look like a blurred

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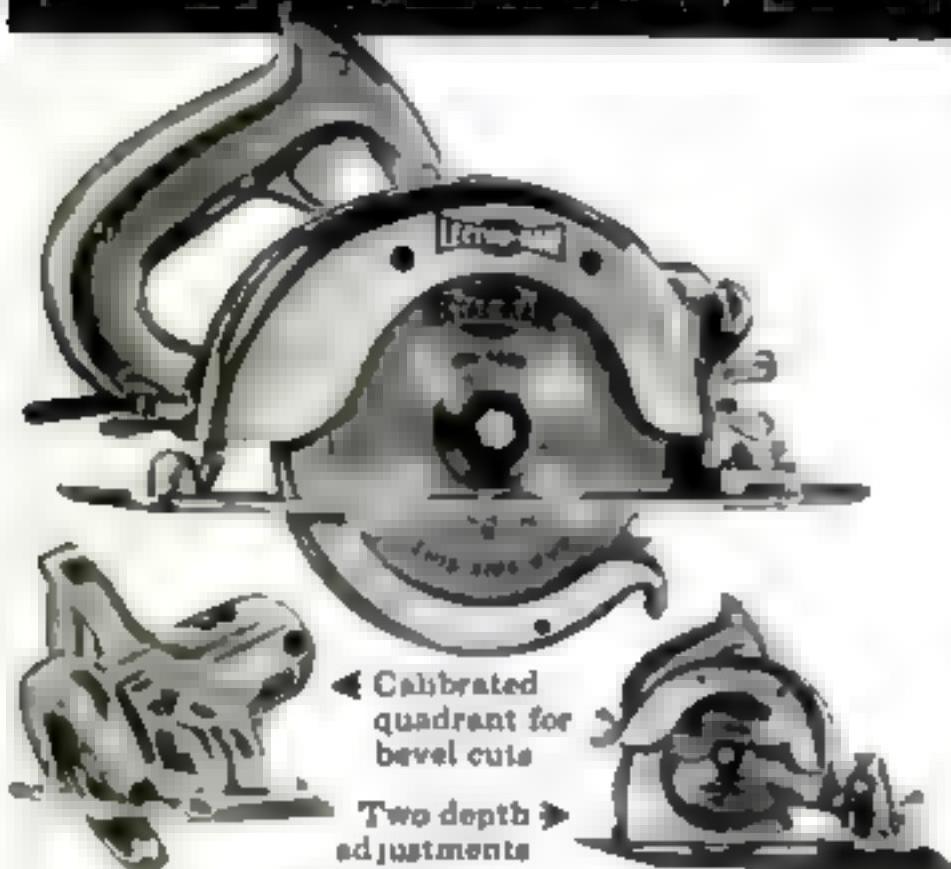
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picket fence. Upstairs, where you have nothing to compare with your own speed, you seem to be gliding, for sound, other than the swish of the wind, is absent."

But these photographers are not thrill-happy extroverts. A serious bunch, they are currently engaged in a struggle to have their work recognized as a direct contribution to engineering science. Few have that recognition now in spite of their claim that 80 percent of engineering flight questions are answered by photography. Too often, they say, their suggestions are brushed aside with "he's just a photographer."

Photographers Are Engineers, Too

Photographers who specialize in medical subjects and in industrial research get the same brush-off. So some of them are forming a chapter in the Society of Photographic Engineers. One goal is to get leading universities to set up special courses on industrial photography entirely separate from current courses that emphasize merely art.

Roy Wolford, one of the leading figures in this movement, points out that many of the best plant photographers have either engineering education or shop experience in addition to photographic skills. Aerial photography grew up along with the industry and both the airplane and the photographer are more efficient today.

Wolford is glad that they are, too. Some years ago his insurance company got the peculiar notion his work was dangerous and wanted higher premiums. A short time later Roy drew an assignment to photograph test runs of the new Flying Wing bomber and found himself aloft in a fighter plane with an escort ship flying herd on them.

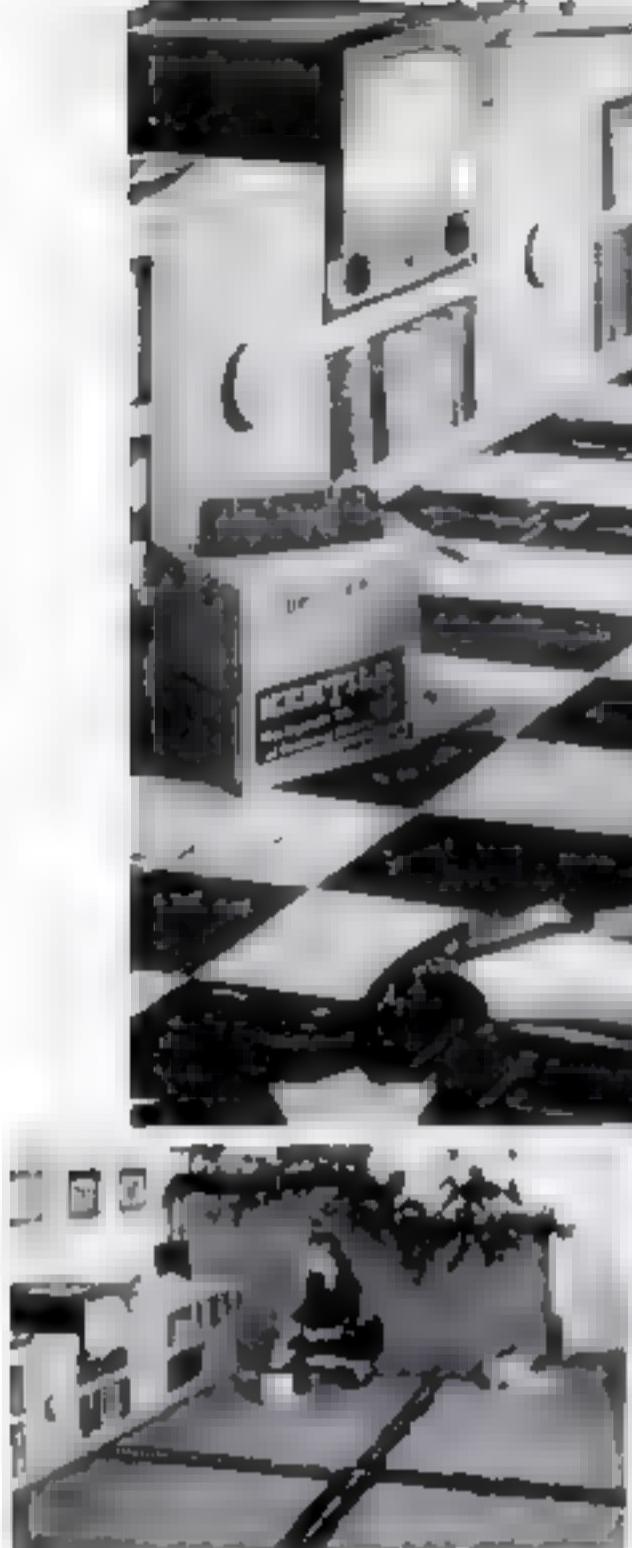
Escort Spots Fire

Most of the pictures had been taken when the escort pilot shouted: "You're on fire."

"Fuel was pouring from a broken line over that engine like it was coming from a bucket," says Roy. "The prop wouldn't feather and the extinguisher had no effect. As I watched, the flame ate into the metal like an acetylene torch."

"I didn't need an order to jump. The engineer unloaded and I started to loosen my canopy when I realized that the pilot was struggling. The crazy son of a gun with never the necessity for a jump in 20 years

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had been flying with his 'chute straps off and now was trying to get them back on.

"It was lucky we had 13,000 feet, for that ship played dipsie-doodle all over the sky while I helped him strap up. Then his canopy stuck and I didn't dare open mine for fear his would let go just as I stuck my neck out. At the last minute, his skylight shattered and he jumped as the ship started a dive. I clambered out on the left wing, but some kind of turbulence held me there, slugging and pounding me.

"I finally rolled off spinning and luckily missed the stabilizer. If you straighten out stiff as a board you come out of a spin, and as soon as I got a reasonably level horizon I pulled the cord. No matter how often you jump it's a comforting noise when that big umbrella snaps open above you. I tucked the ring and cord into my shirt—they nick you seven to 12 dollars if you lose them—when I noticed my shirt front was covered with blood.

"I felt my nose and it wasn't the one I'd started with. About then a gas tank blew and what was left of the ship looked like an

oil-soaked rag. When it hit the ground it exploded again. I got down all right if you don't count the power line I missed by 50 feet and the ditch I didn't miss. Neither the pilot nor the engineer had ever jumped before and they got down fine and me, the old hand, got a broken nose, a pair of black eyes and a mighty sore fanny from the operation.

How Safe Can You Get?

"We rushed the mile to where the plane was burning and you'd wonder where in all that desert country so many people would come from. But everything seemed under control for an ex-GI had taken over. 'It's all right, boss,' he assured us, 'I roped off the whole area.'

"He had, too. He'd pried open the couple of cans of exposed film that had been tossed free and used it for rope."

Wolford says such things are the exceptions that prove his job is safe, and he even convinced his insurance company. But he waited until the color had gone from his eyes and his nose got down to normal. END

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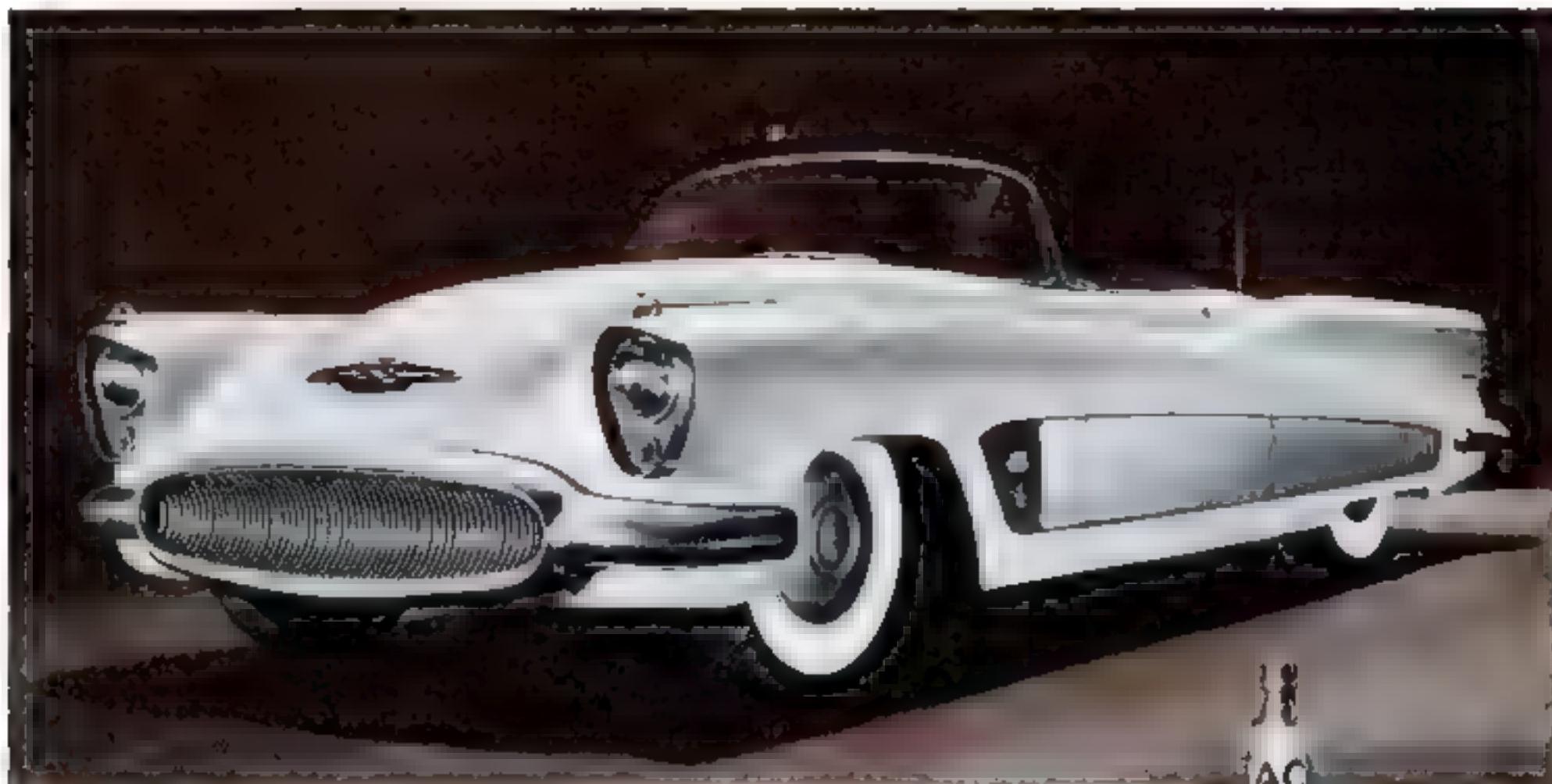
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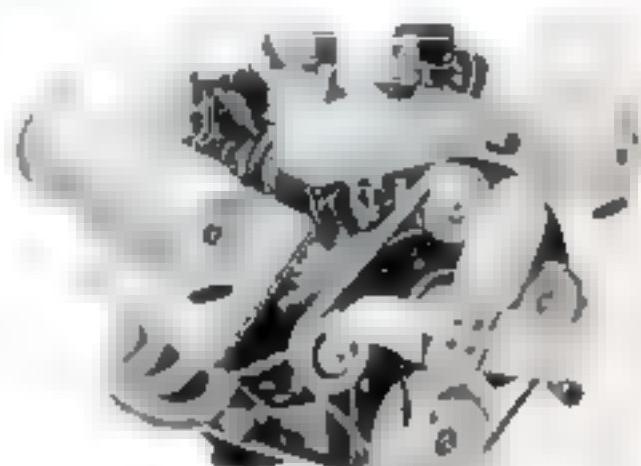
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At that point, Gus decided to road-test the sedan. He had driven about 20 miles with the temperature gauge showing normal when he happened to look down at the dashboard clock. He suddenly realized that he'd already spent more than an hour and still hadn't a ghost of a clue to the trouble. He slowed the car to a stop, turned around on the narrow road, and headed back toward town. By the time he was halfway there, the engine gauge had climbed well up into the hot zone, and when he pulled up at the Model Garage the radiator was boiling.

"Temperamental youngster," Gus muttered to himself after he had parked the car inside. "Something must cut down the circulation every once in a while." He started the car up again, put more water in the radiator and began another systematic check.

Gus Beats the Deadline

Gus was standing at his bench wiping his hands on a piece of waste when the repair-shop door swung open. It was his helper, Stan Hicks, resplendent in blue suit, gray fedora and gray overcoat.

"I thought you were enjoying a day off," Gus said.

"I was, boss, until I went to Peggy Simpson's wedding and heard about her husband's car. Thought I'd come over and see if I could help."

"That was a nice idea, Stan. But I'm happy to report that she's all fixed and we've got just 15 minutes to get the car over to the Simpsons'. Hop in; I won't wait to change my clothes."

They found a place for Tom Thornton's car right at the Simpsons' driveway—a perfect spot for a quick getaway, thought Gus.

"Look, Stan, you take these keys in and give 'em to Tom. I'm not dressed up for a weddin' party. I'll go over and sit in my car and wait for you. I see it's parked just across the street."

Genius Is Suitably Rewarded

Sitting relaxed in the driver's seat of his own car, Gus didn't see the two figures slip out the side door of the Simpsons' house. He didn't even notice when, hand-in-hand, they tiptoed around the back of his car. So he was understandably startled when the car door was jerked open and Peggy Thornton (née Simpson) flung her arms around his neck

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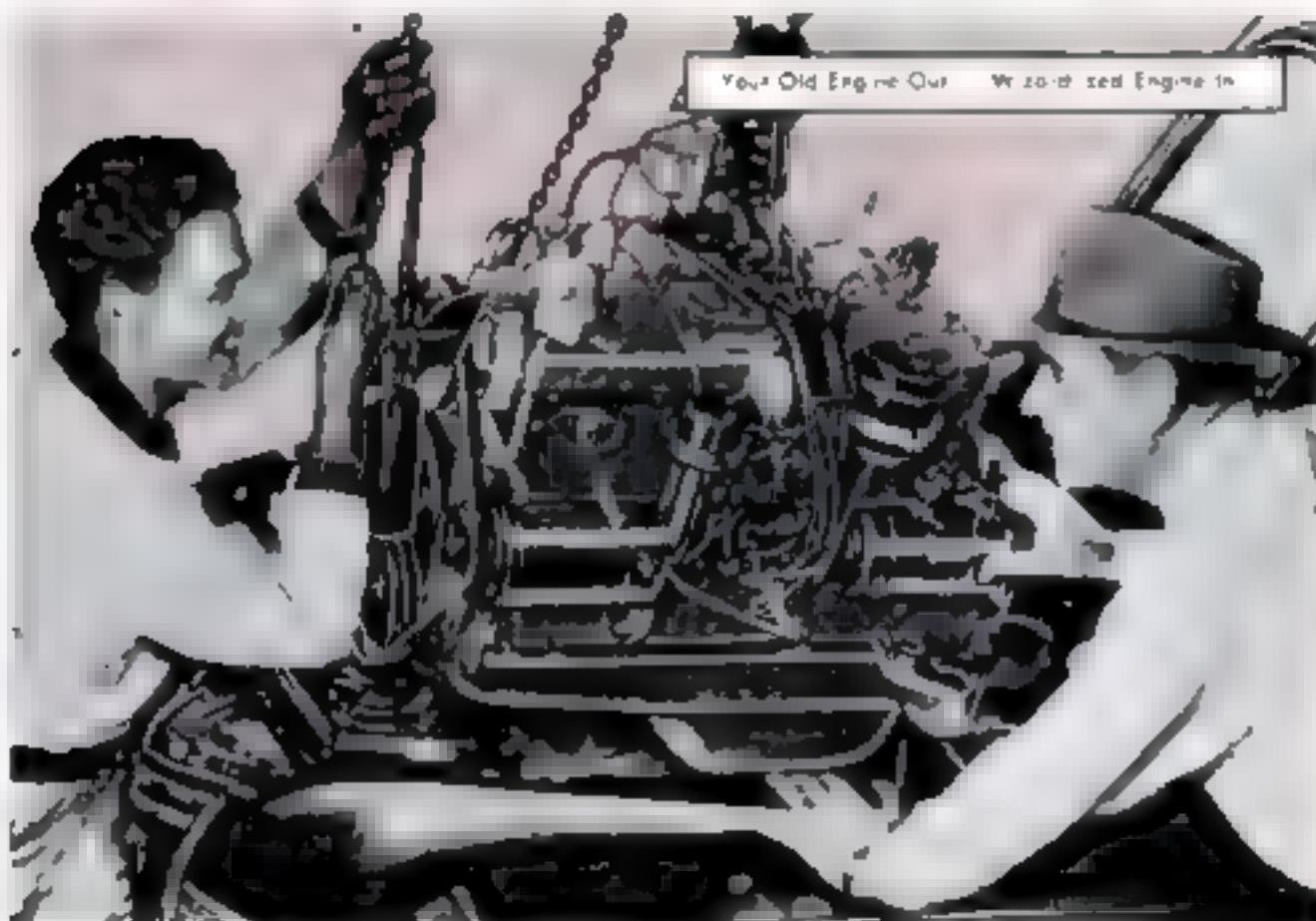


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and planted a very satisfactory kiss on the middle of his cheek.

"Mr. Wilson, you're a darling! You've made our wedding complete. Now we can leave on our honeymoon, just as we planned."

"Thanks a million, Mr. Wilson," Tom added fervently, poking his head inside the car.

"Okay, okay," said Gus, grinning from ear to ear. "Lots of luck to both of you. Now you two kids get back in there and give the folks the fun of pepper you with rice and confetti when you make your official exit."

Gus Makes a Confession

"All right, boss," said Stan as he and Gus headed down into town for a cup of coffee. "How'd you mastermind this one?"

"Frankly, Stan, I was stumped. Then I just happened to be staring down at the engine while it was running and I saw it."

"Saw what?"

"One of the water pumps. That car has a V engine with two water pumps, one for each bank of cylinders, and they're driven by the fan belt. I noticed that the pulley on one wasn't turning. The belt was just slipping over it, so I pulled the pump down. What do you think I found?"

"What?"

"A lock washer. It had gotten into the cooling system somehow and every once in a while it got jammed under the impeller wheel and stopped the pump. That cut down the water circulation. Then when the car was stopped, or perhaps when it hit a bump, the washer would get loose and the pump would run. So I removed the washer."

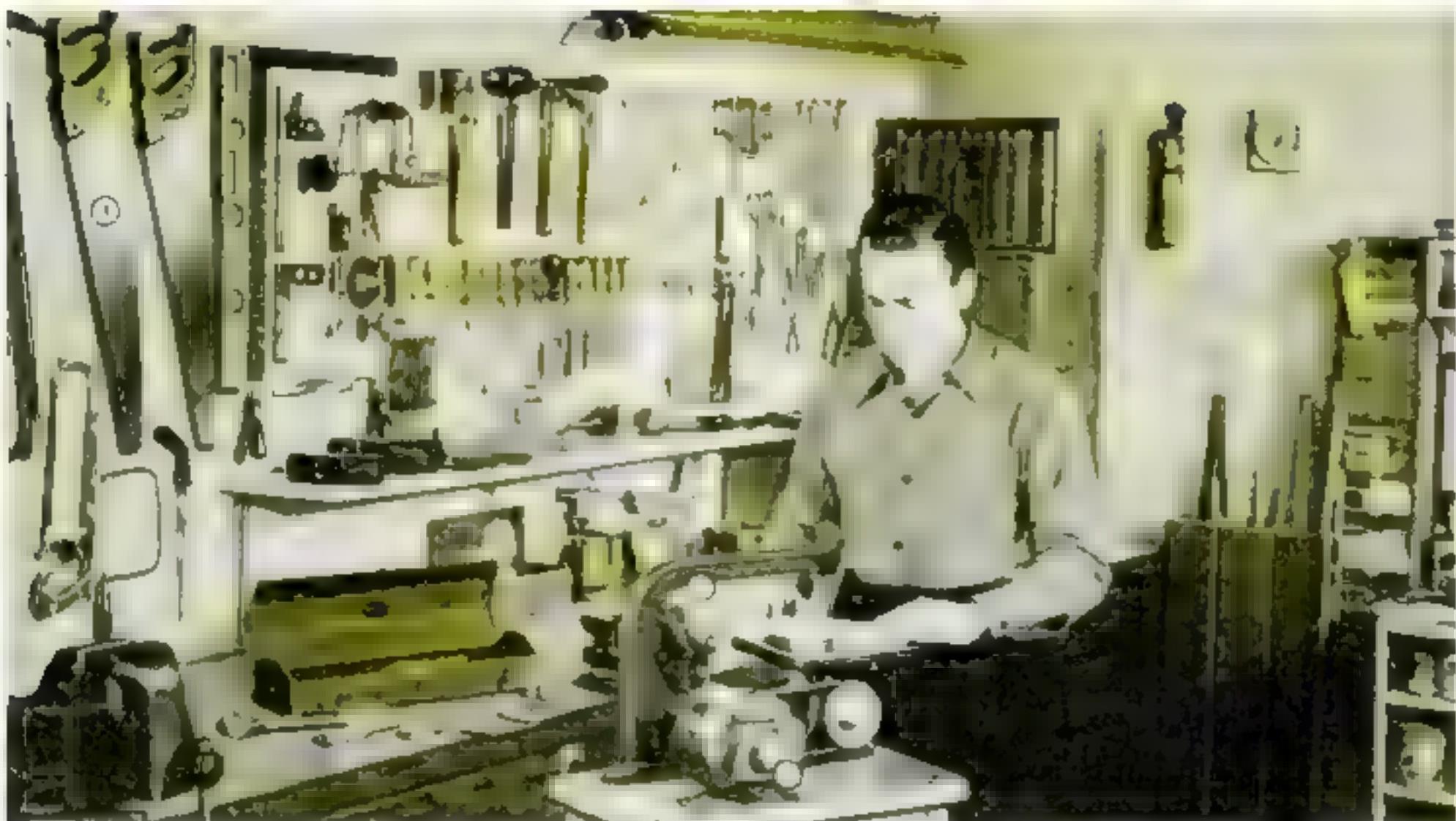
• Sometimes It Pays to Be Lazy

Stan seemed to be thinking it over. "You know, boss," he said finally, "I don't think I'll ever be a good garageman. Just don't have the patience. Unless I'm tearing something down or putting it back together again, I don't feel like I'm doing anything. Take you, though. You can just sit back and watch and come up with the answer."

"Pure laziness," said Gus. "When you get to be my age you'll be content to let that noggin of yours do more of the work too. It's easier than barking up your knuckles with a spanner or a pair of pliers . . . Besides, you can think sittin' down." END

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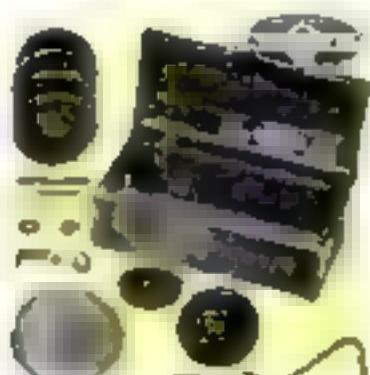
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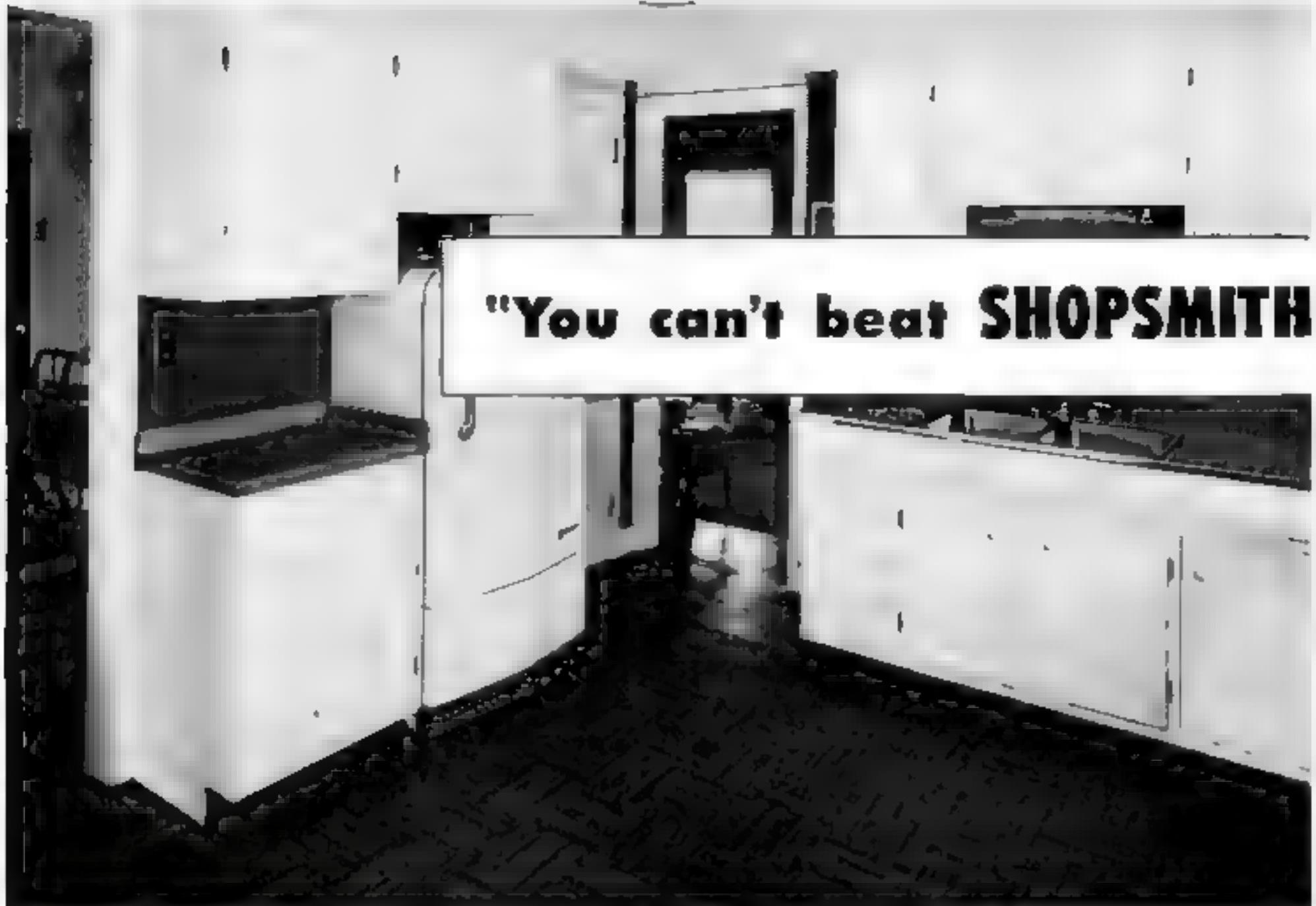
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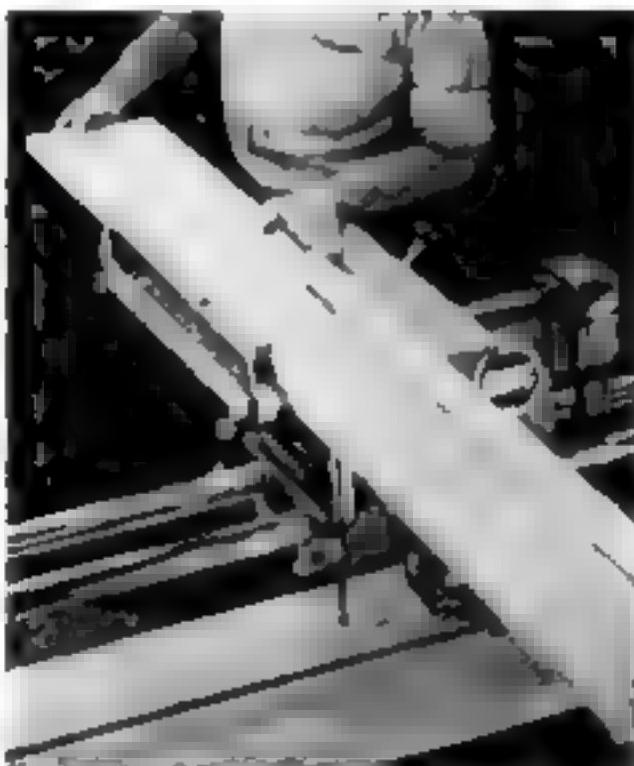
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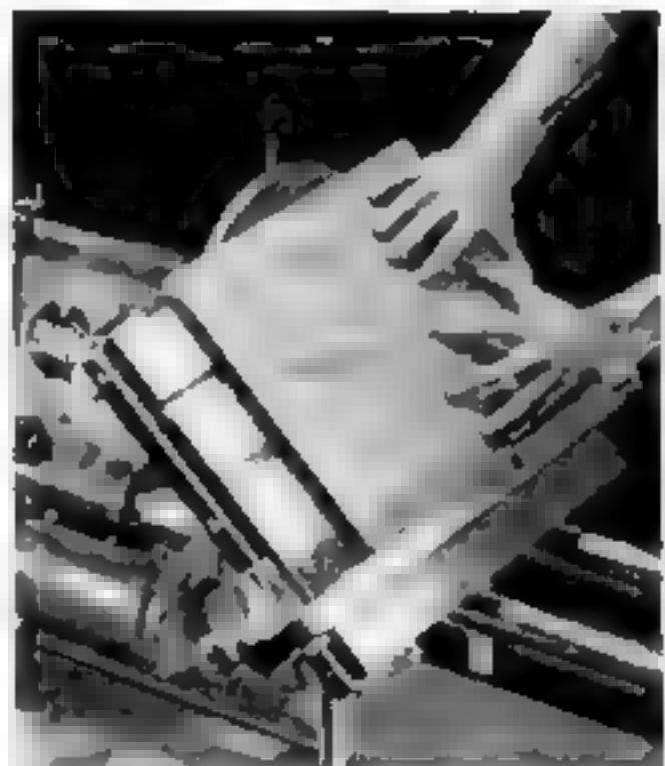
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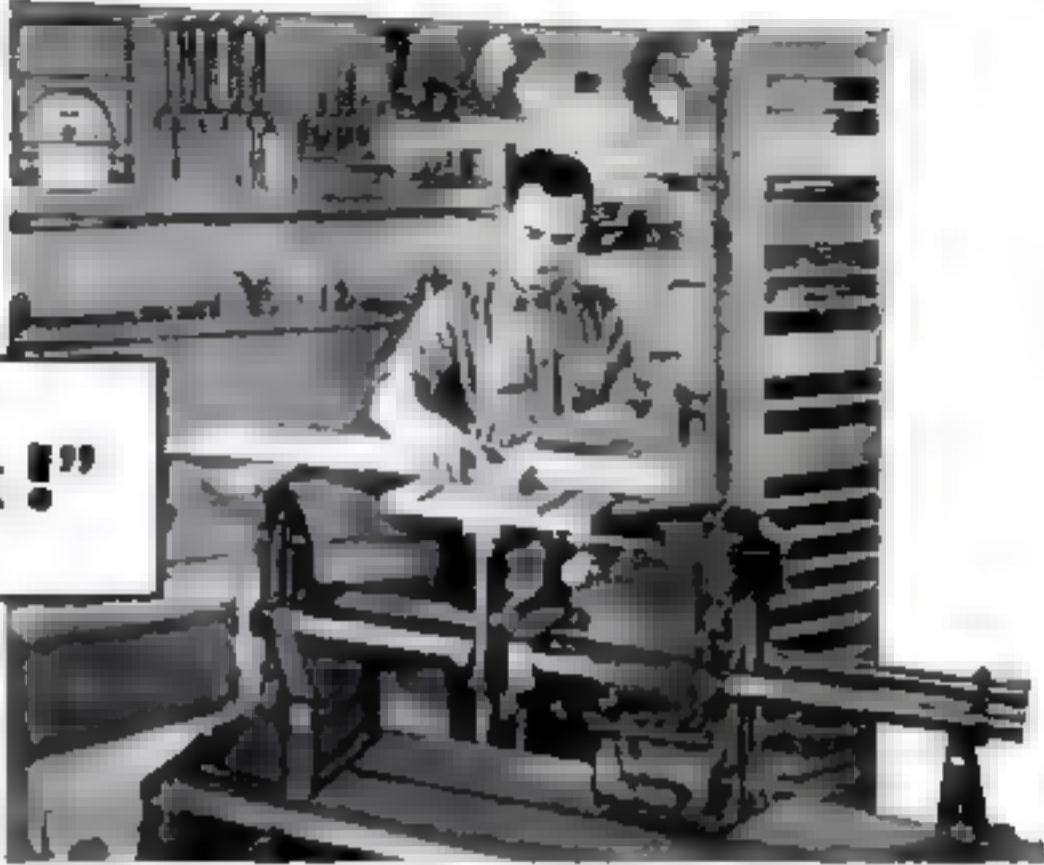
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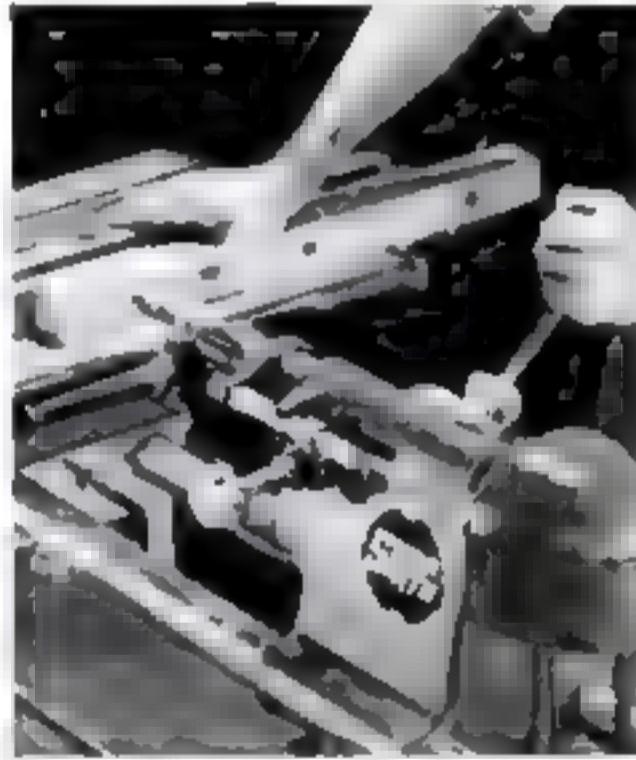
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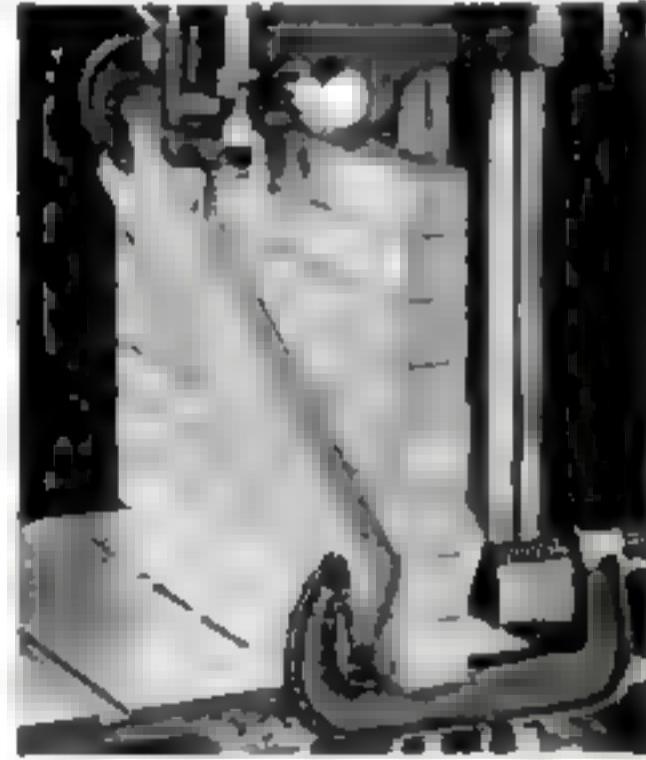
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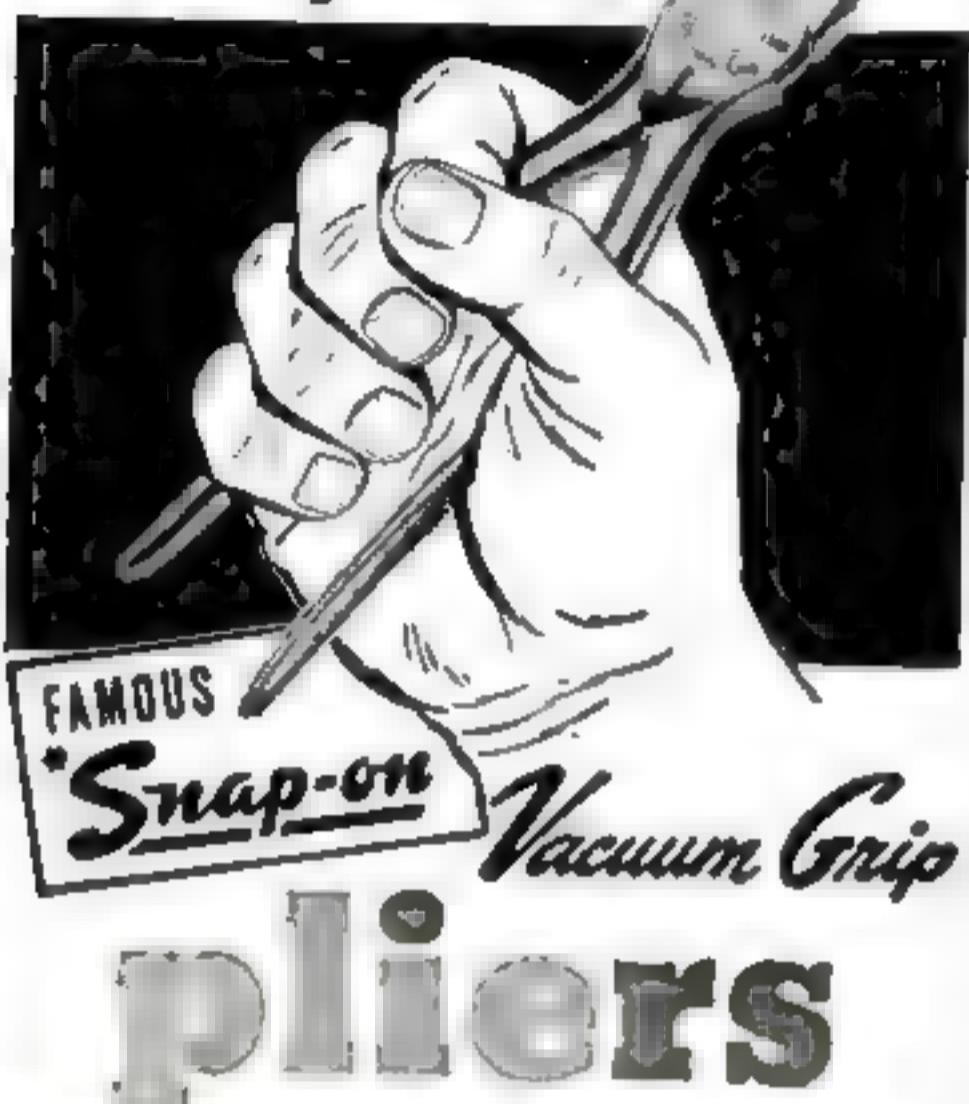
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He 'Invented' a Way to Make Money [Continued from page 145]

Nor has he stopped inventing. Retirement has simply meant going right on with his pet developments, now at home instead of at the office. He still lives in Schenectady, but spends his summers on Brant Lake in upper New York, and when he leaves his city home, his workshop goes right along with him.

"We Need More Inventions"

"I can't be without my workshop," he says, "no matter where I happen to be. Suppose I should think of something!"

"Invention has made this country great. We need more inventions—more worthwhile things to spend our money for. There are thousands of things which everyone needs right now, things which nobody has thought of. When someone invents them, employment and prosperity will increase. Many of us fail to realize that money is only a medium of exchange and the standard of living is controlled by the amount of goods available. You can't consume before you produce. You must make more goods for more people at less cost."

The value of a Suggestion Plan, Steenstrup contends, cannot be measured in terms of dollars paid out.

"It represents real human progress," he believes. "It discovers men. It reveals talents. It embodies the great democratic ideal of a chance for everybody. It benefits not only the company and the men and women involved but also the public and the world as a whole."

Suggestions Help Keep Country Safe

Suggestion Plan enthusiasts add that such systems improve employer-employee relations. They give workmen direct contact with the management and furnish official recognition as well as a sense of belonging and participation.

"Perhaps the most impressive thing of all," says the director of plant labor relations for another big electrical concern, "is the importance of many of these suggestions to the national preparedness program." By saving vital material and time, by bettering shipping dates, and by improving products and manufacturing operations, the participants in Suggestion Plans such as Steenstrup started are helping to defend the country that gave young toolmakers from overseas a chance to think and be paid for it. END

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Sharkfighters Use Spear Guns *[Continued from page 151]*

was a mistake—the shark was still a lot too much fish.

Quote from Pallack: "I grabbed his dorsal . . . He thrashed around and threw me off . . . He lunged at me but hit the boat right beside me instead, chawing quite a hunk out of the bow . . . I got out of the water pretty fast."

(Well, some guys just can't take it!)

No more attempts to knife the shark were made—nor were they needed. After the three-hour running battle, the big fish was finally starting to go. The tireless engine began to win the tug of war and as the boat picked up headway the dying monster was towed back toward shore.

"Beached and deceased"—as the Key West Citizen succinctly put it—the hammerhead measured 13 feet seven inches long, 76 inches in girth. And his conquerors learned that their little seagoing playmate tipped the beam at 1,160 pounds!

Divers Discover Old Warship

Charlie, Wally and Ernie have shared a good many other marine adventures—such as their discovery, only a few weeks before the shark episode, of the hulk of a centuries-old Spanish warship off Key West. So far, the wreck has yielded nothing except coral-encrusted cannonballs and several old canon. But who knows?—there may be bullion stashed away in the rotting hold. Meanwhile the treasure, if any, is well guarded by the stinging jellyfish that swarm about the ancient vessel.

To appreciate the sharkfighters' amazing nonchalance toward marine monsters whose very names have a nightmarish ring, you have to listen to them talk. Get a load of this: Almeida, in reply to a query on the temperament of the barracuda—"Barracuda? They're bums. The other day I speared a nice snapper and was dragging him toward the boat when a barracuda slid up around a jagged coral ledge and went for him—chopped him in two like a butcher's cleaver. That cussed 'cuda was too lazy to hunt his own dinner so he helped himself to mine."

Fish Like to Know What's Going On

Almeida and Pallack both have had experiences with what they call "fish curiosity." Almeida was swimming along, watching the coral bottom for fish when a young

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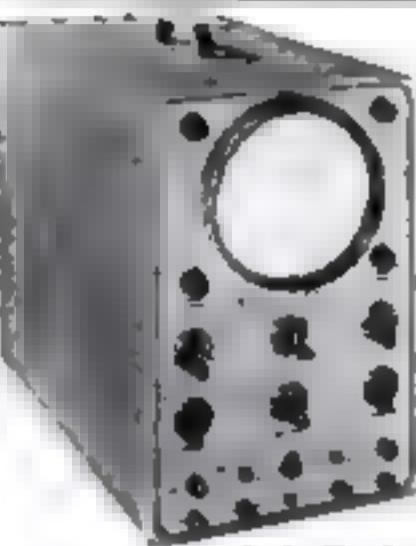
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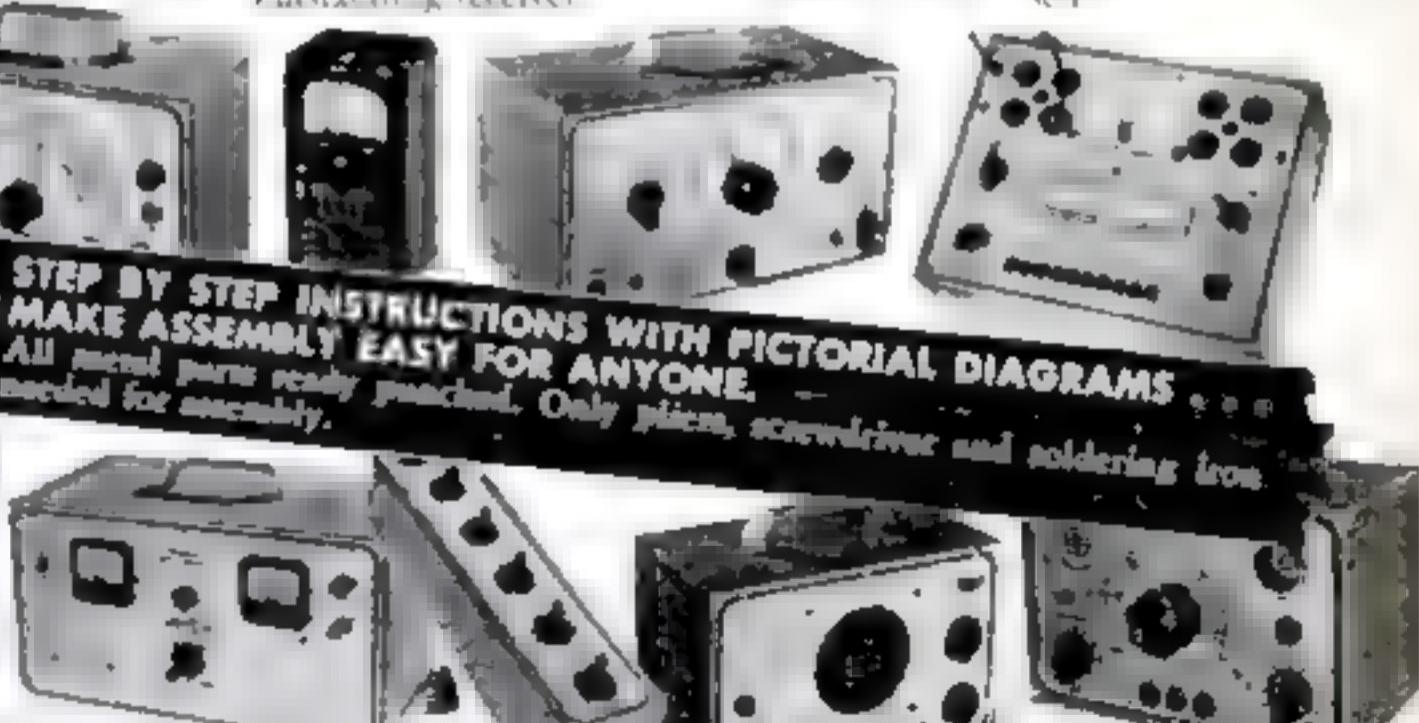
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Sharkfighters Use Spear Guns

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mako headed straight for him. Almeida pointed his gun at the shark. The mako—about five feet long—swam up and grabbed the end of the spear. He held on for a few seconds and then turned and swam away.

Shark Gets a Job in the Nose

In the same area—off Western Sambo-Pallack noticed a mako swimming alongside him. This went on for a few minutes, the mako lolligagging right along within easy reach. Then Wally jabbed the mako in the nose with his spear point. The mako decided he had business elsewhere.

The moray eel is a slimy, sharp-toothed, snake-like creature with an antisocial disposition. The dictionary describes the moray as "voracious" and "savage." Ryckman differs in his interpretation of its behavior—he goes along with Almeida and Pallack on the curiosity theory.

Ryckman on moray eels: "You know why they come nosing around? Because they want to know what's going on. Morays are just naturally inquisitive, that's all. Of course," with a small grin, "if they get too inquisitive, I shoot 'em."

Florida is not the only happy hunting ground for spear-fishing devotees—they're appearing in ever-increasing numbers along the California coast as well. If you're sound of wind and limb and a strong swimmer, your insurance premiums are paid up, and you can use a new thrill, spear fishing just might be your dish.

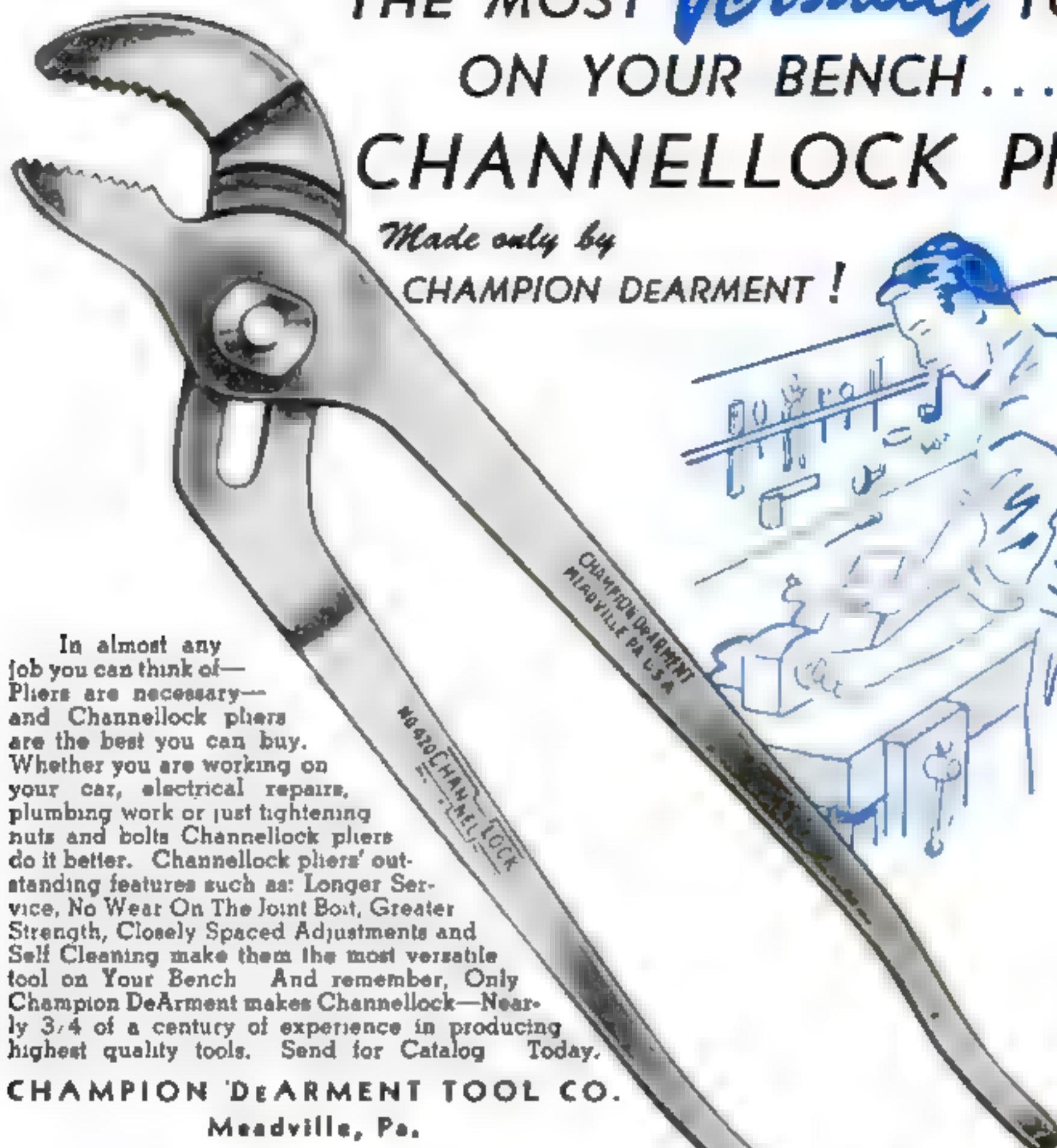
Careful—It's Habit-Forming

One warning: spear fishing grows on you. The writer modestly confesses that on the second occasion when he accompanied these deep-sea D'Artagnans, he couldn't resist taking a crack at it, made out moderately well for a neophyte and is itching to go back to the Keys for another session.

You don't have to go after the big stuff right off the bat. One New York physician who recently took up spear fishing turned into an avid *aficionado* almost overnight. He couldn't have been prouder if he'd hooked a whale with his scalpel when on his very first try he bagged three dandy flounder—each of which was maybe a bit bigger than your hand. There was some talk around that the doc was planning to have these monsters suitably mounted—for the wall of his study.

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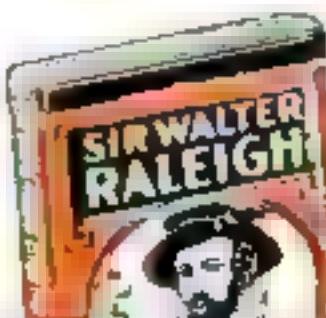
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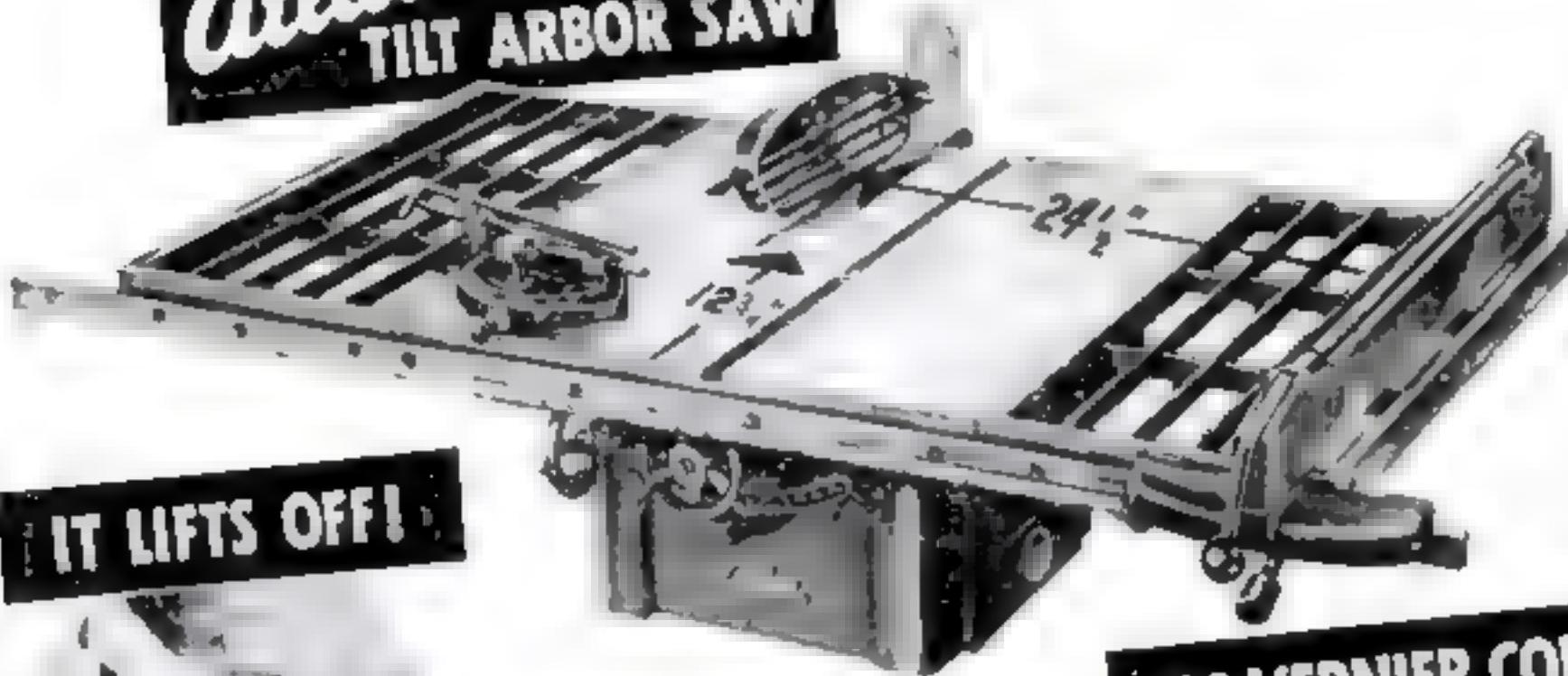


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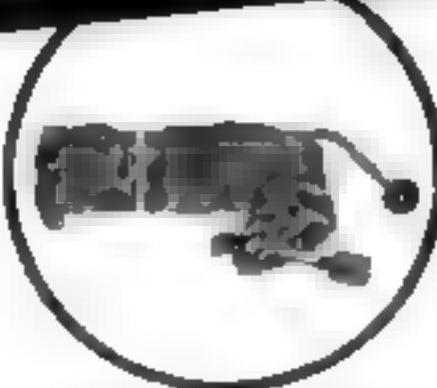


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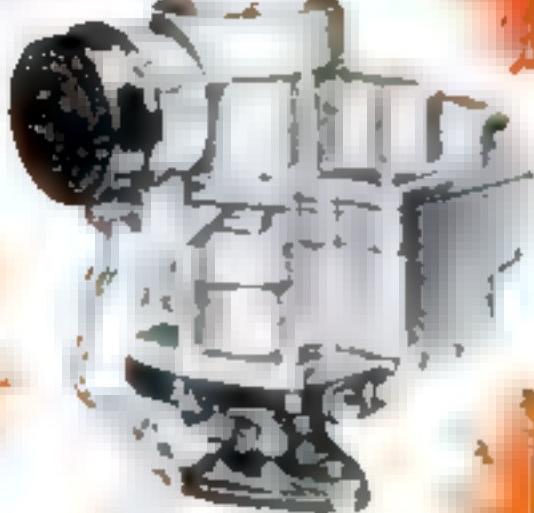
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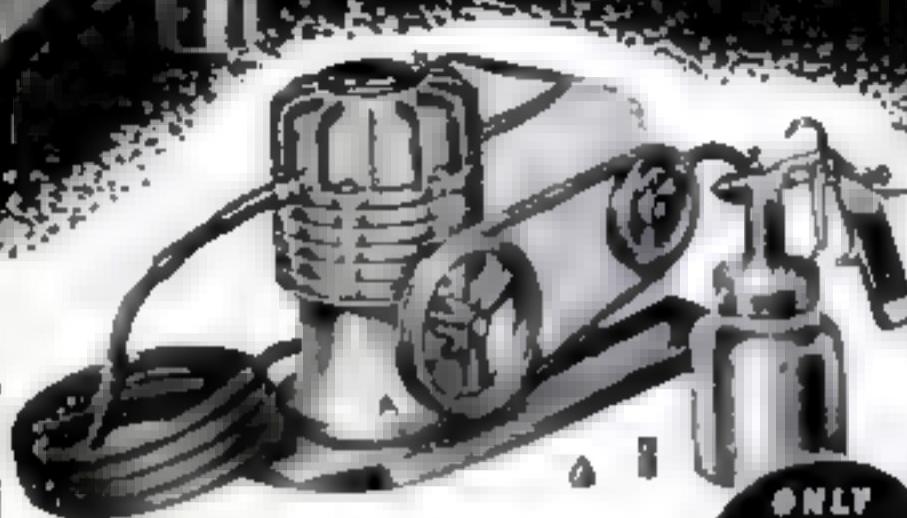
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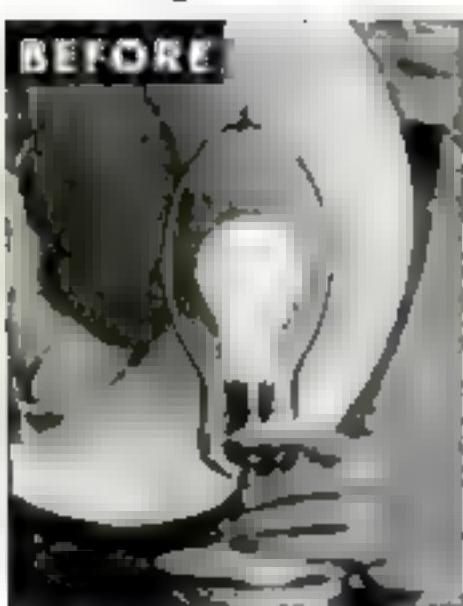
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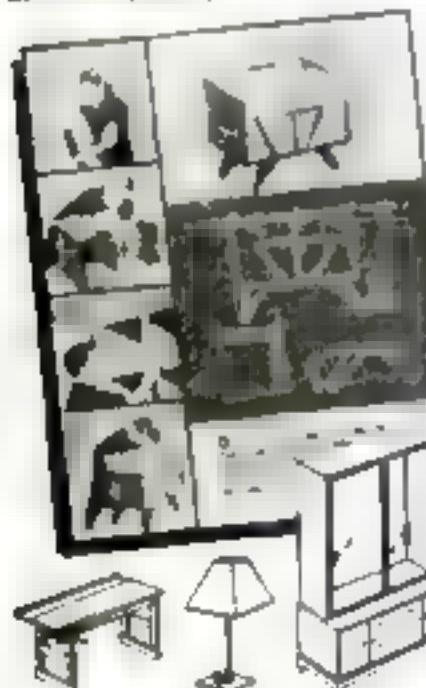
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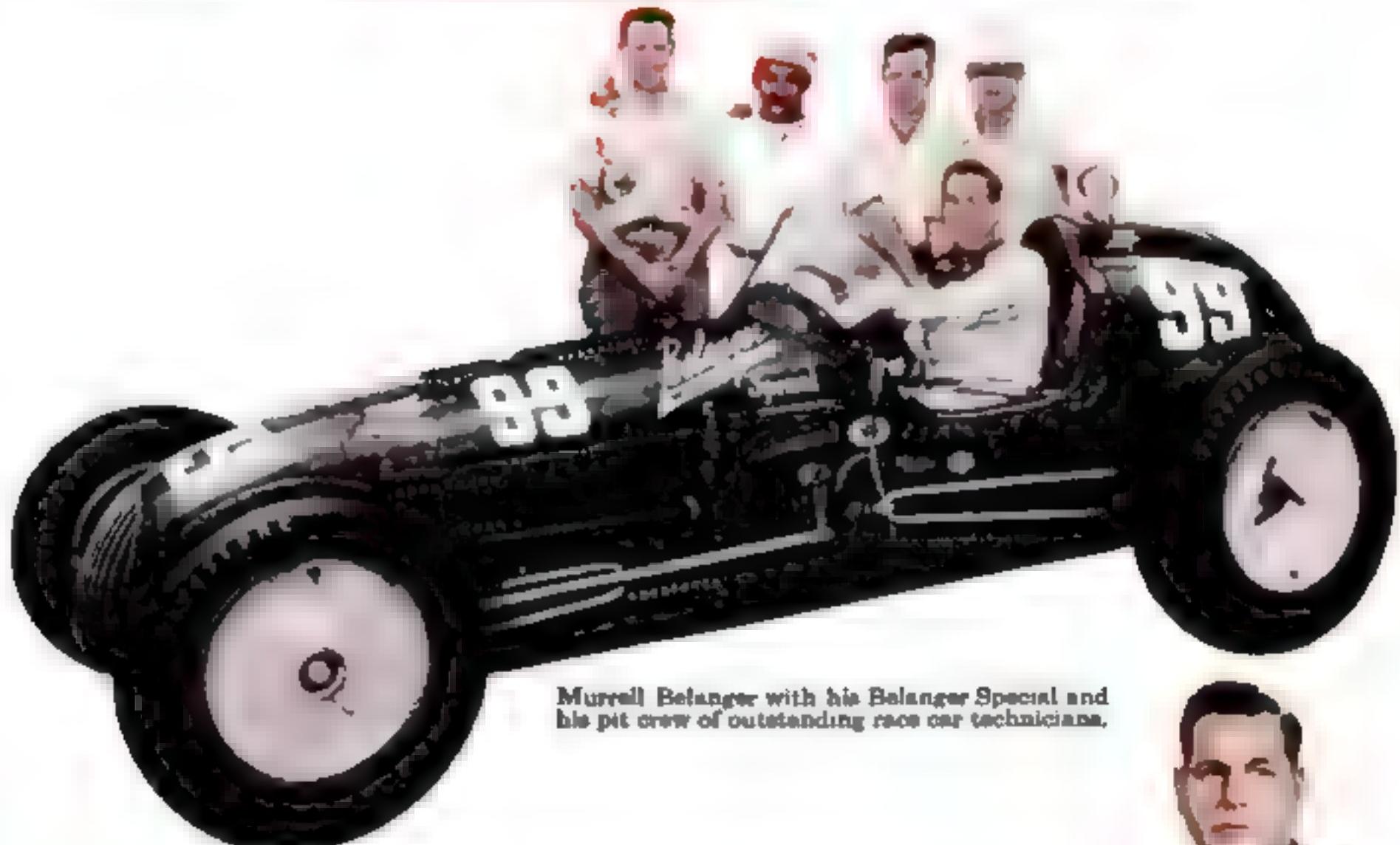
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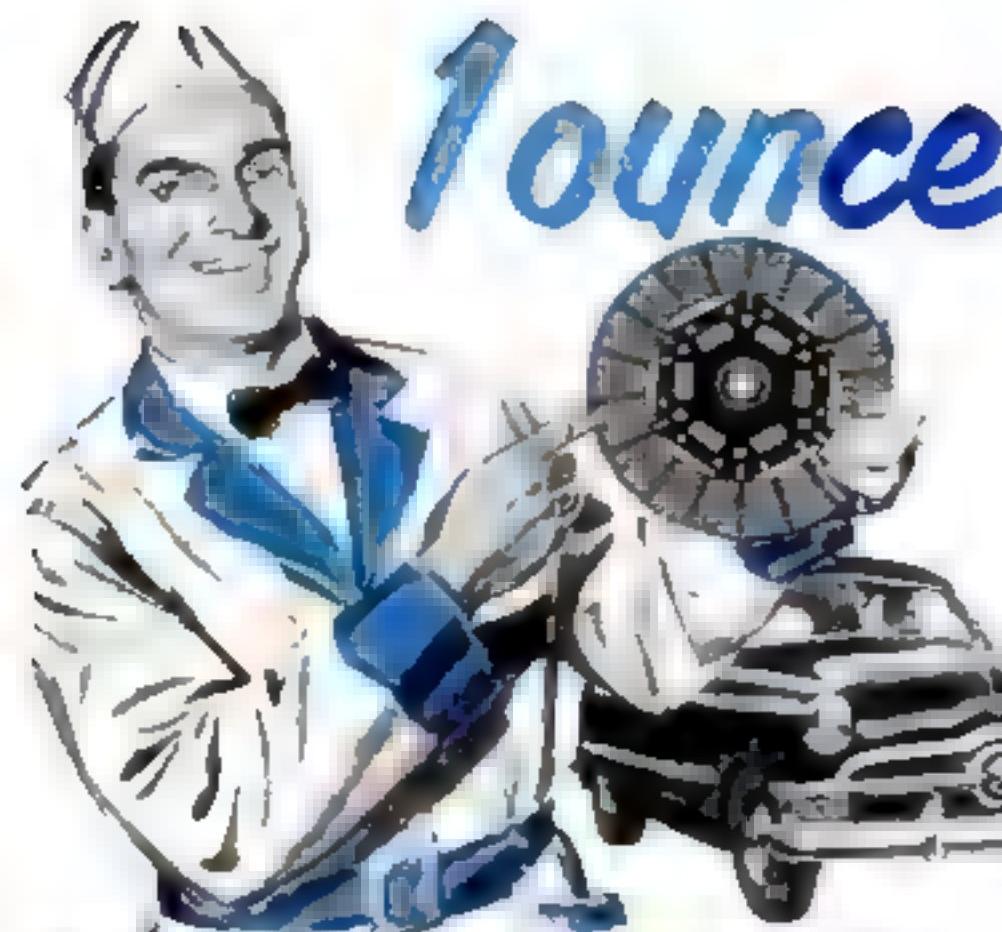
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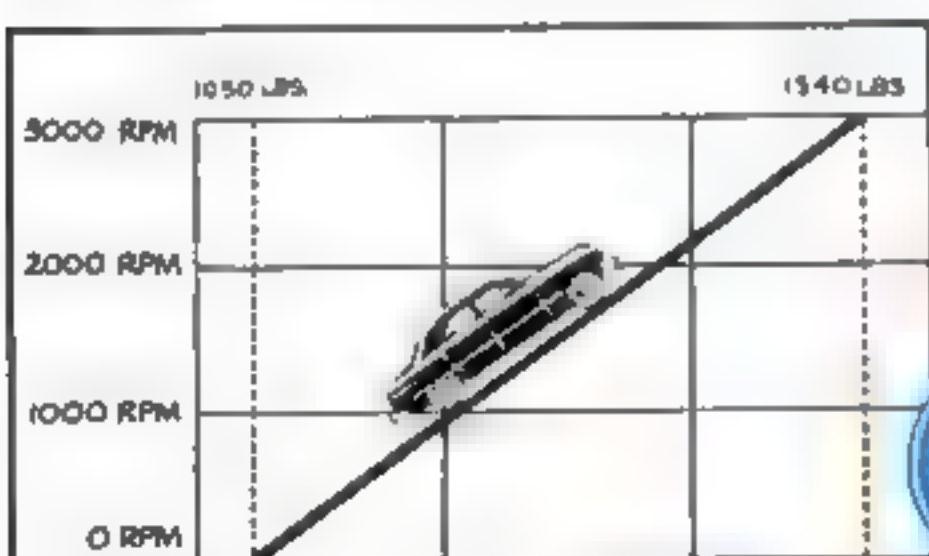


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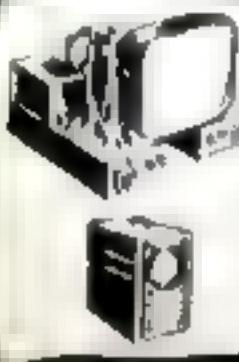
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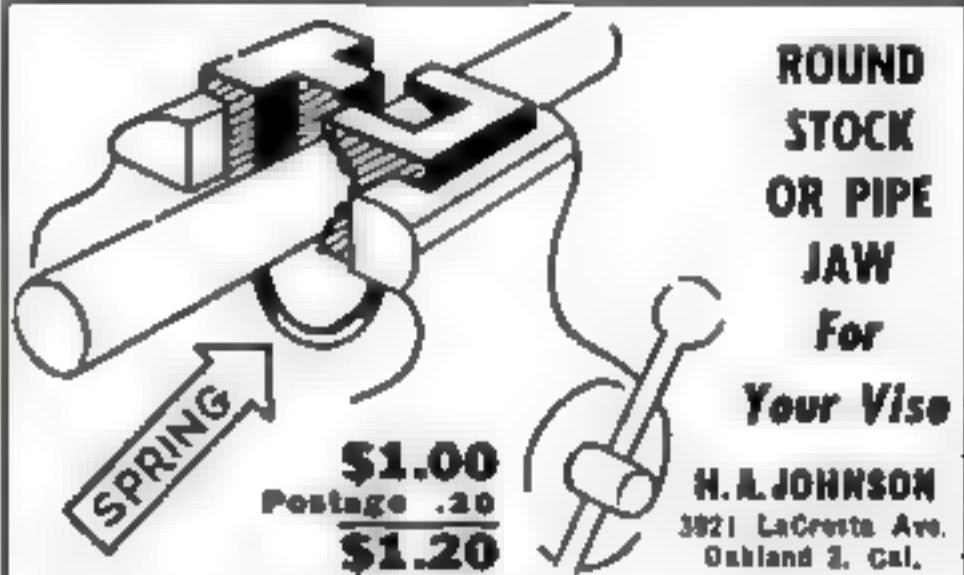
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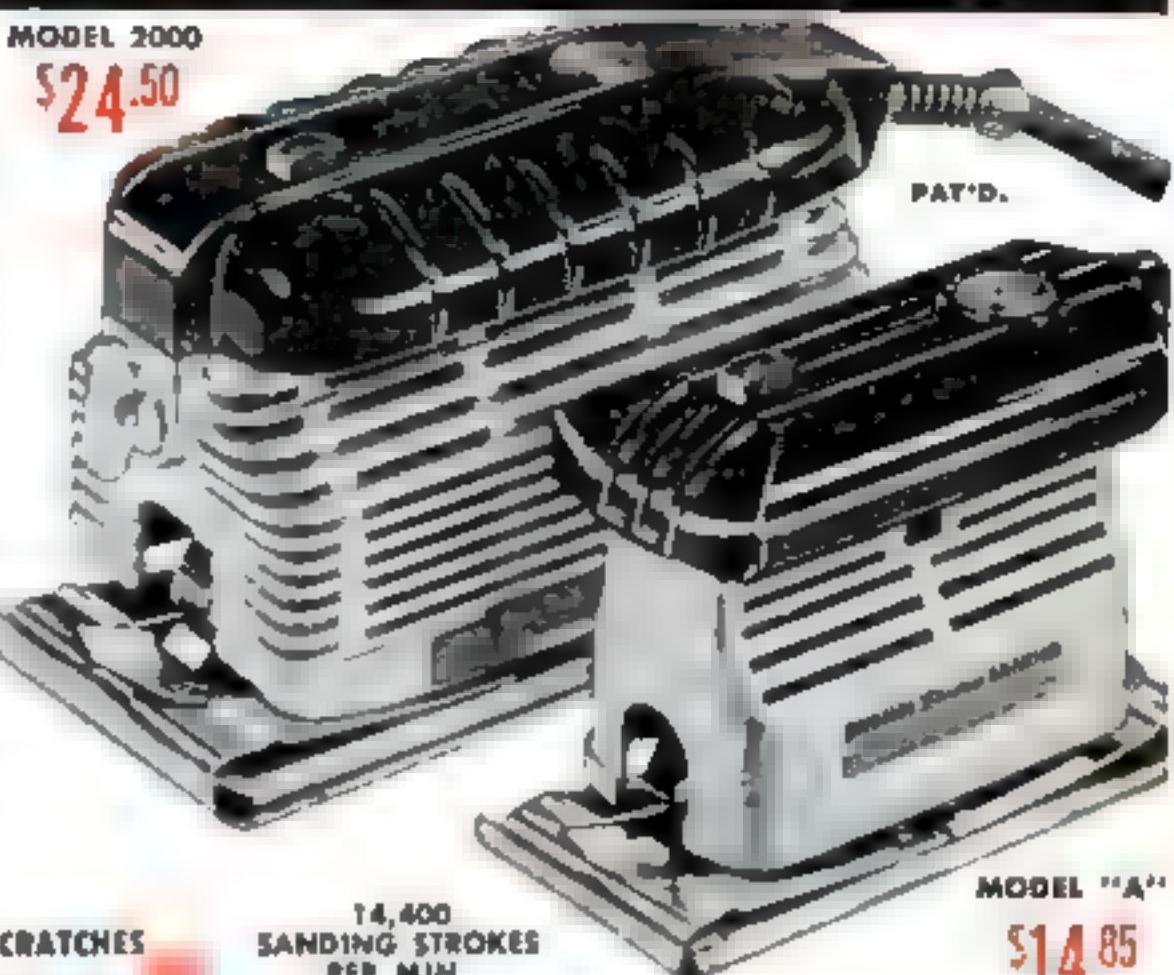
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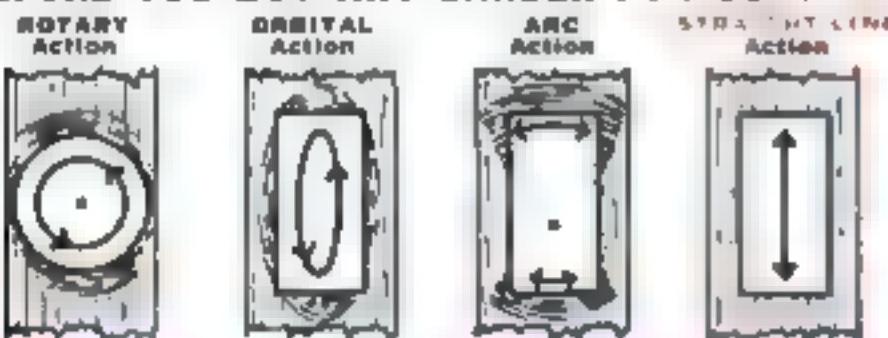
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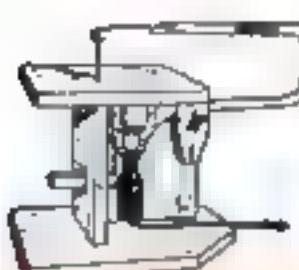


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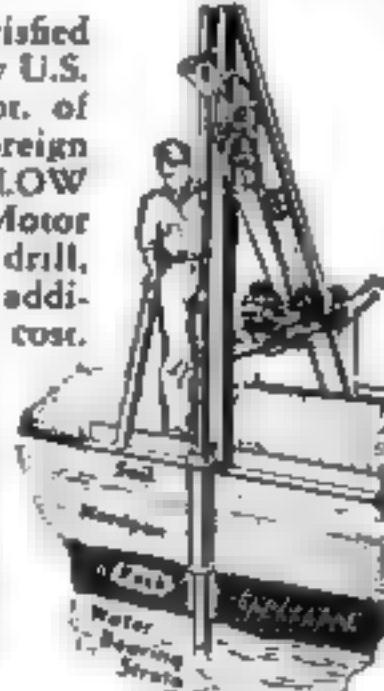
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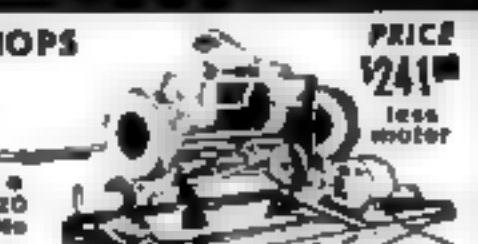
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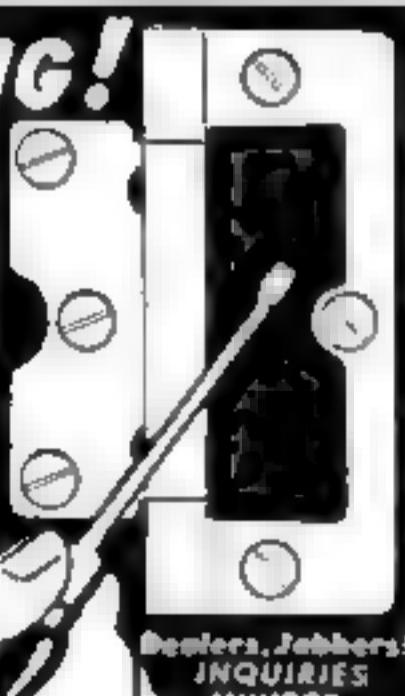
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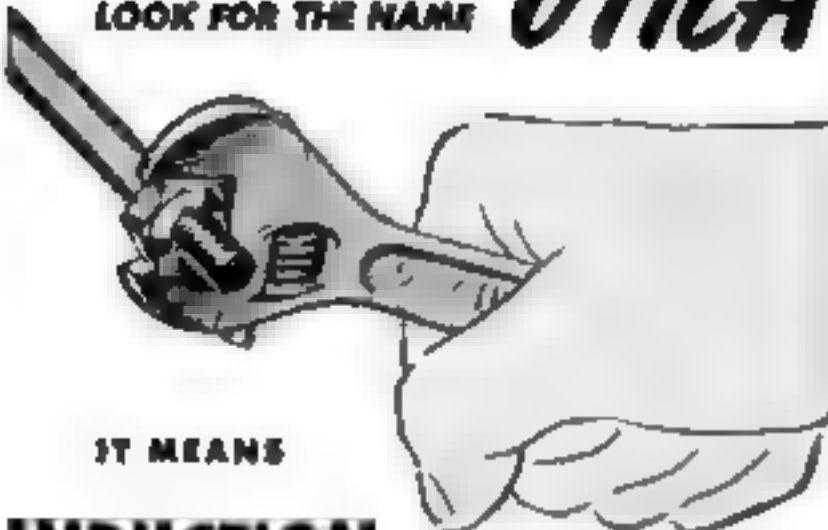
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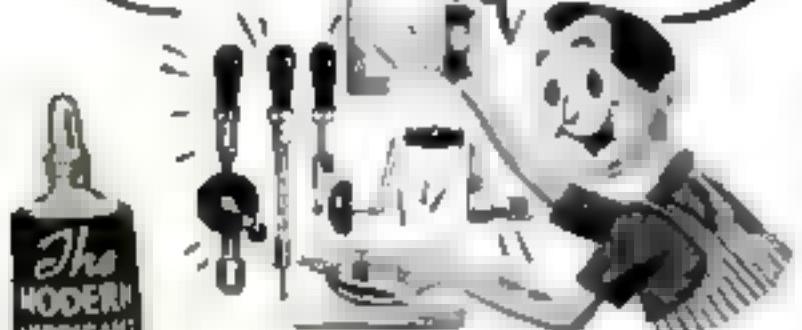
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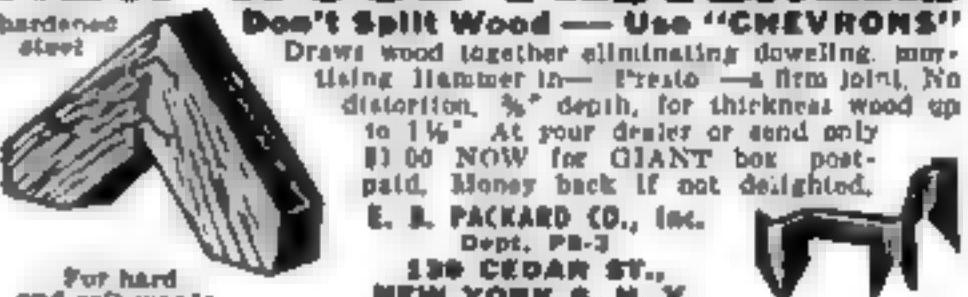
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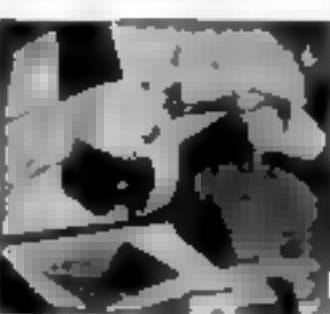
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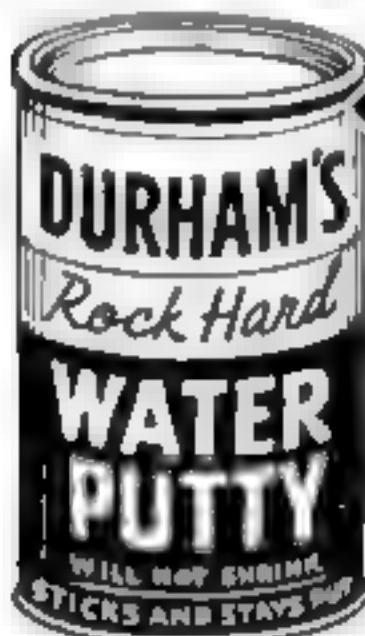
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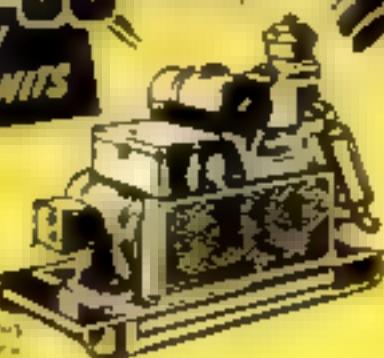
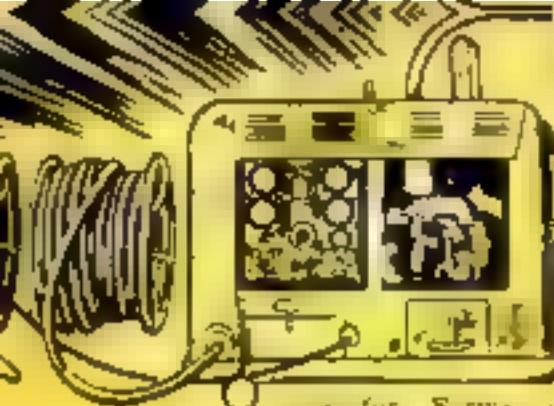


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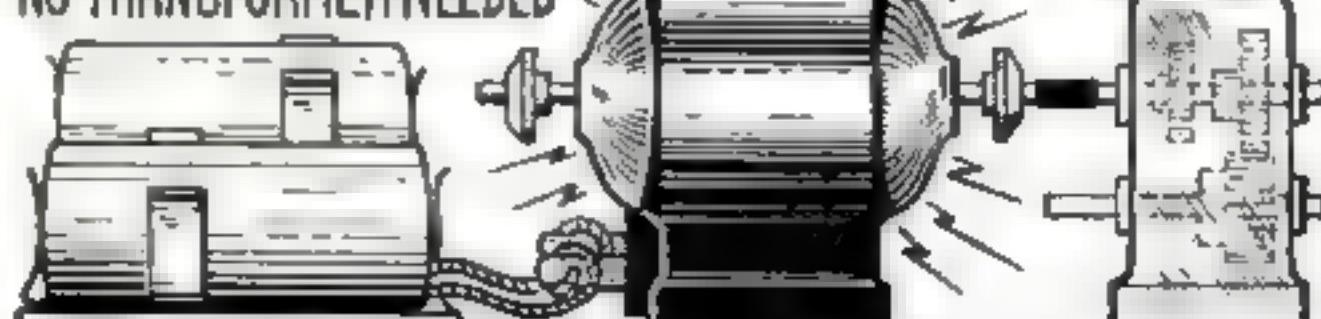
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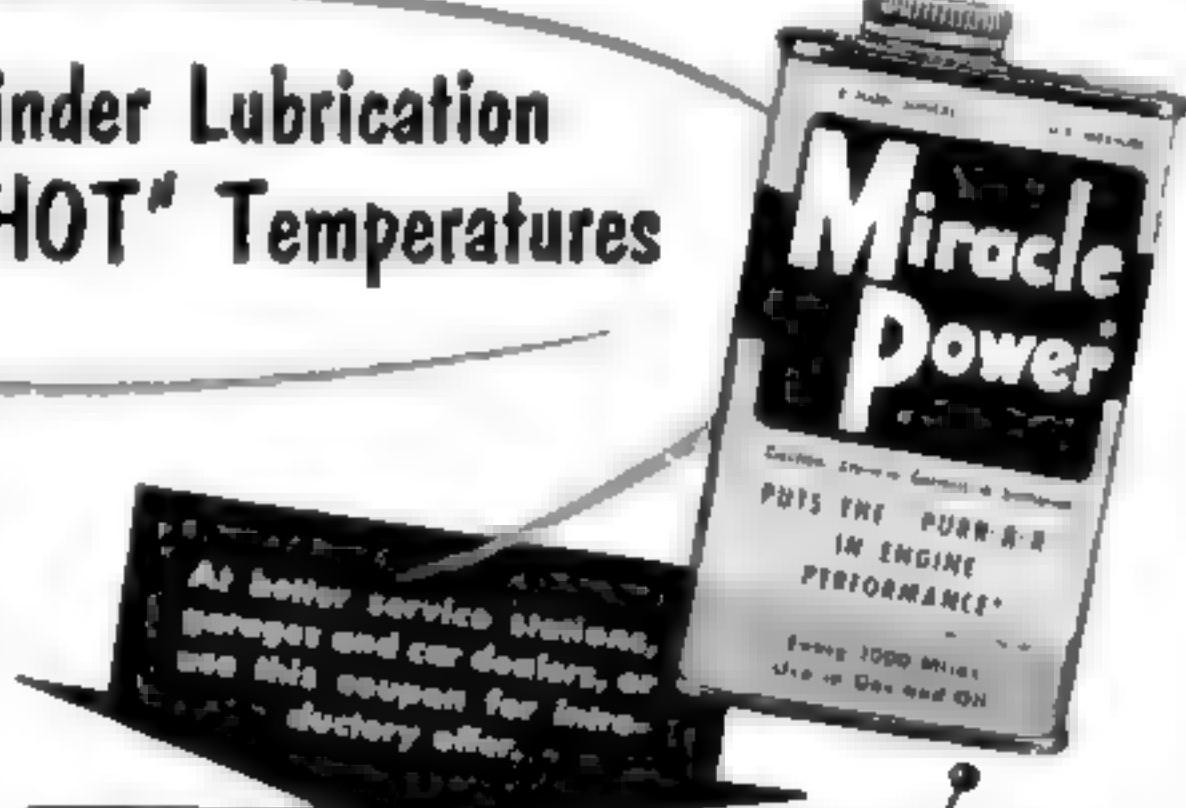
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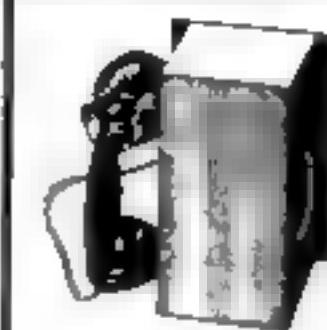
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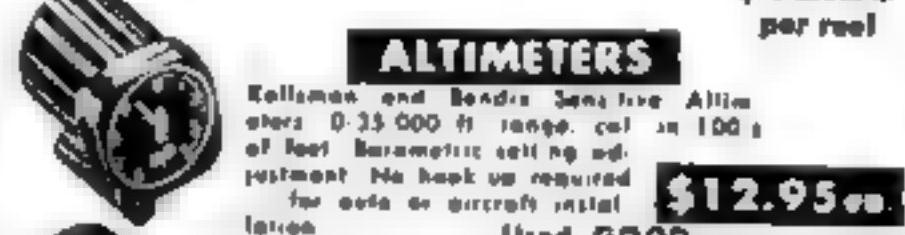
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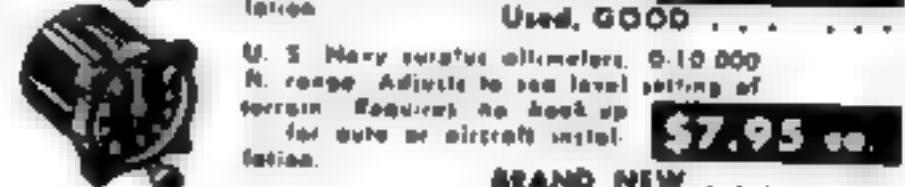
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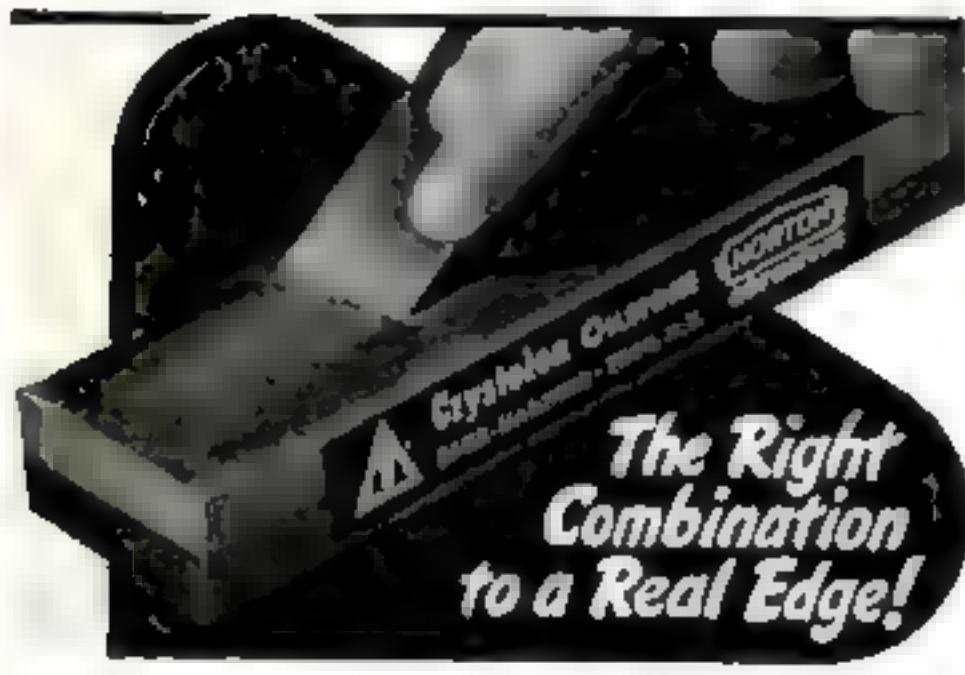


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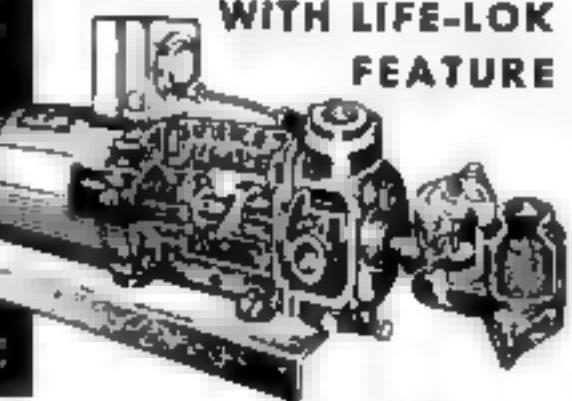
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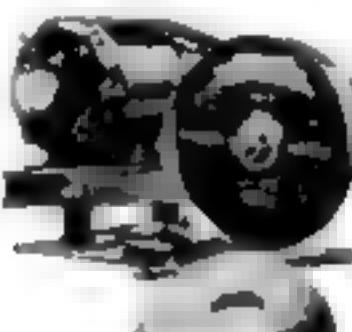
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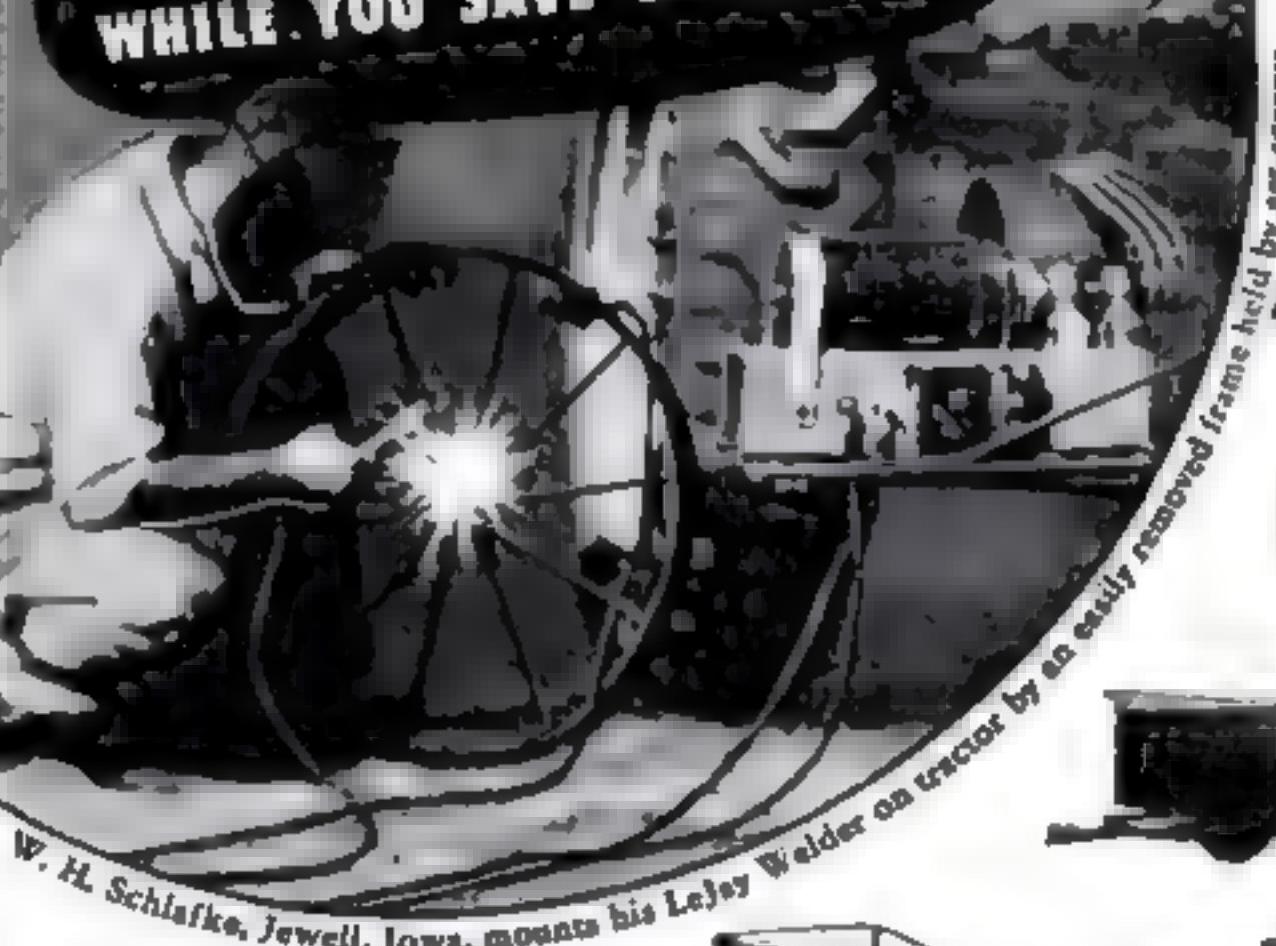
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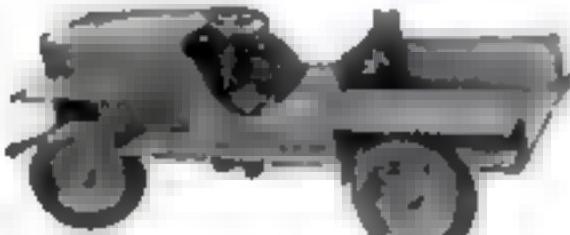
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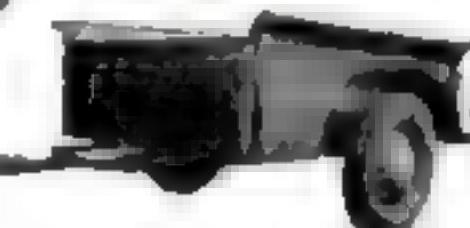
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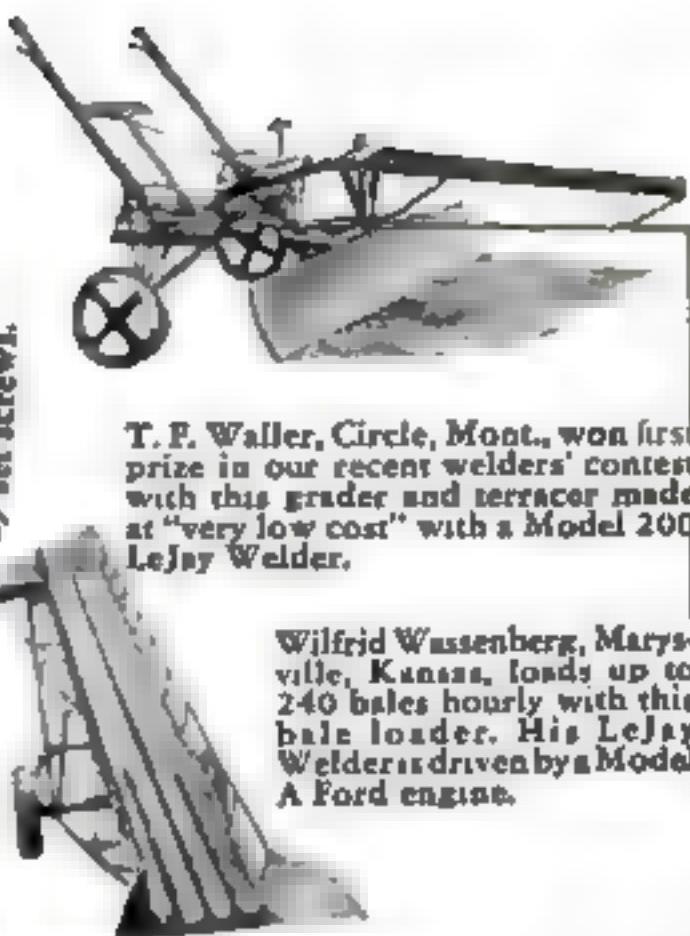
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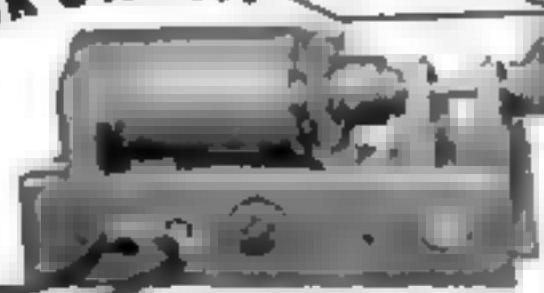
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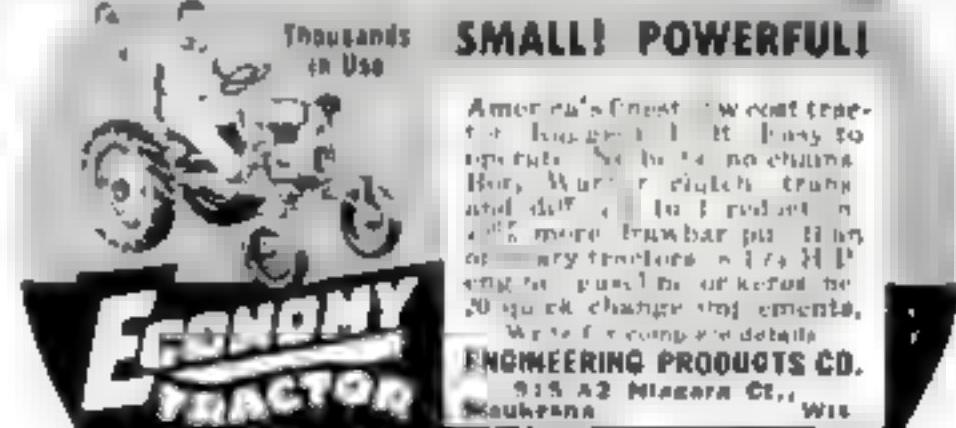
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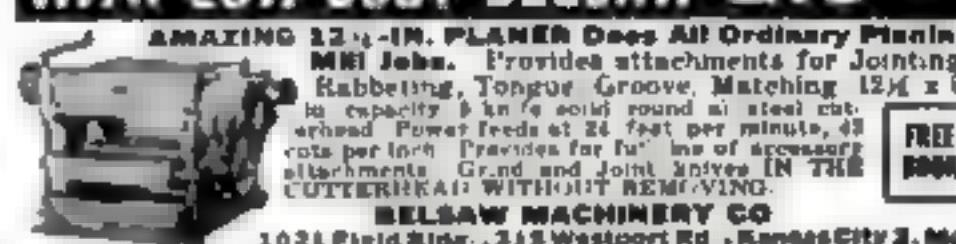


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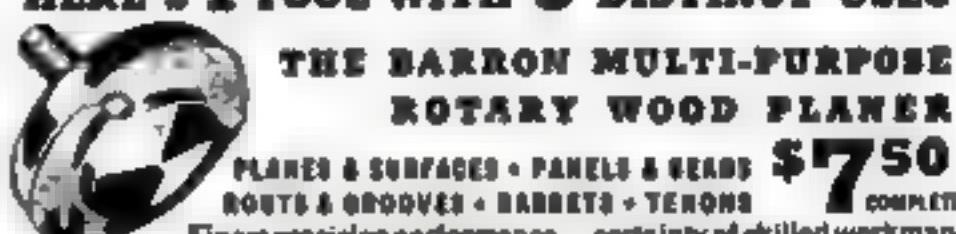
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Over the North Pole on One Engine

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He raised his sextant, preset it for 90 degrees north and squinted at the sun. And there it was, dead center in the bubble.

He had reached the North Pole!

Mail Drop for Santa Claus

Out of the sliding window zipped the letter to Santa Claus, and a wave of emotion swept over Blair. That penciled scrawl was going to land close to the spot where, locked in ice, reposes one of history's milestones, a monument to human courage. Almost half a century ago six swaddled figures had stood down there, planting the Stars and Stripes, while one of them, through cracked and bleeding lips, said, "I . . . formally take possession . . . in the name of the President of the United States." It had taken Robert E. Peary 23 years of successive effort to cross that last 400 miles of icecap.

Now came the test of tests for Blair. At the precise moment when he crossed the Pole everything in the world, all oceans, countries, all humanity, lay south. It was like sitting up above a Maypole, faced with one's pick of countless streamers. Just one led to Point Barrow, Alaska. Its neighbors streamed off to Siberia, to Greenland, to wastes of sea and land. It was unlikely that Point Barrow's radio signals could reach him for another four hours. Until they did, the sun remained the only guidepost that could show him the way home.

Sun Creeps Behind

In the past five hours, as the earth had turned, the sun had crept from behind Blair's left shoulder and now was slowly moving up toward the bow of his plane. It had begun to glaze the blue gray mist, making it difficult to see ahead. He rose to 25,000 feet, where the glare was less, and bore on, cleaving the ghostly silence.

Two hours from the Pole, the sun reached a point immediately above Excabur's nose. Blair was now flying in a globe of shining haze which shut off visibility in all directions. With every hour the glare increased and the cockpit seemed to shrink. He felt as if he were the loneliest human being in the world.

Then he flicked a switch, setting the radio direction finder for Point Barrow. The needle quivered into life, swung, steadied, came to rest. Dot-dash-dash-dot—dash-dot-dot-dot-dot-dash—the faint, intoxicating

music of humanity. *PBA PBA Point Barrow calling—step lively mister, this way for home, this way to people, houses, trees, this way back to a cockeyed, wonderful old world . . .*

Sun Is the Loser

Blair passed over Point Barrow one minute ahead of flight plan. Less than two hours later postal authorities at Fairbanks, Alaska, began to stamp hour-of-arrival on the first polar air mail. Those 3,000 postcards had flown across the rooftop of the world so fast that they had beaten the sun from Norway to Alaska by more than half an hour. Actual flying time was 10 hours 27 minutes. Blair, 10 pounds lighter following those 3,300 miles sweating inside an oxygen mask, was aching and weary, but exultant. His one-man charge against the icecap had transformed the mirage of shorter, swifter, cheaper air routes over the North Pole into reality.

A few days later, spruce in his company uniform, Capt. Charles Blair stood at Idlewild, watching his passengers embark on the great Stratocruiser he was about to fly to London.

"I see some nut just flew across the Pole—alone," one passenger was saying. "Crazy, I guess!"

Blair grinned.

"Could be," he said. "Seems like some guys just have to get that North Pole out of their systems!"

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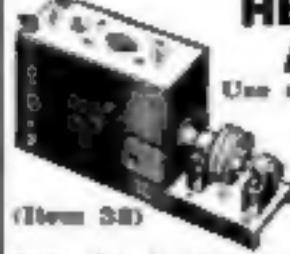
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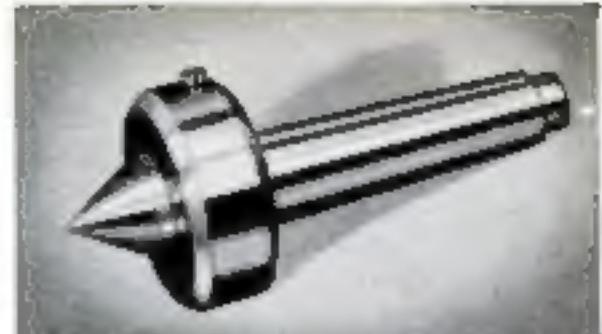
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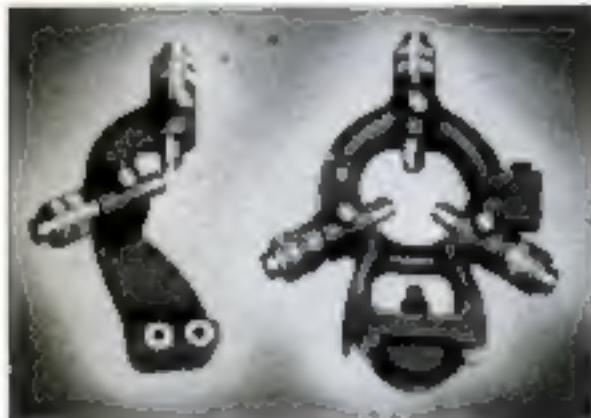
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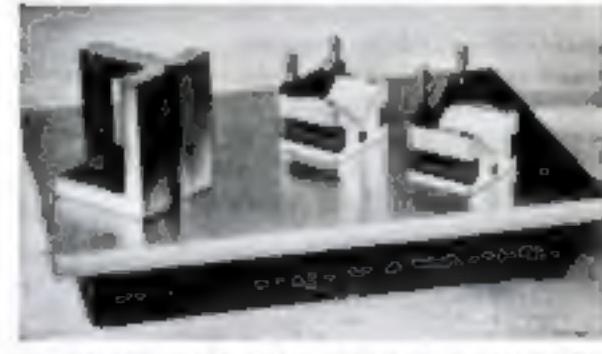
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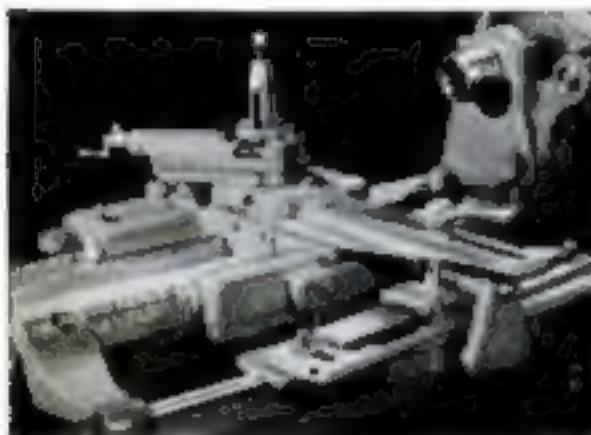
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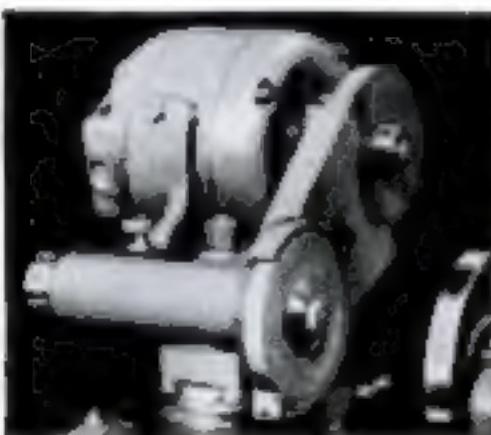
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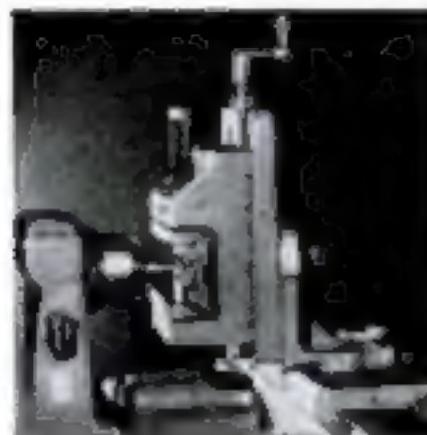
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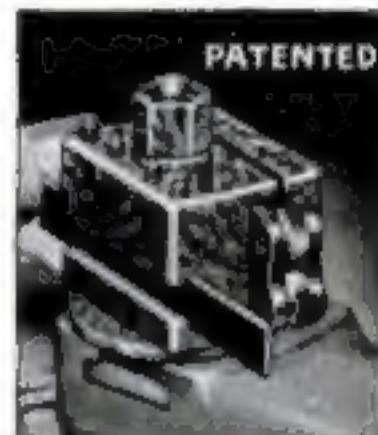
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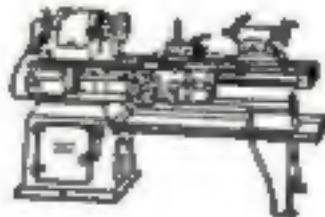
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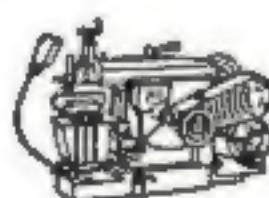
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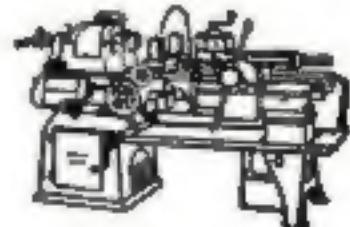
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